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Goalmouth action from the St George-Sydney Olympic draw. Peter Wilson punches clear over the heads of his Olympic team-mate Tony Dakos and Saints' Dave Ratcliffe, with Saints' Andrew Koczka moving in (right).



NSL FACING MELBOURNE TAKEOVER

APPEAL TO SOCCER JUNIORS

TODAY'S issue of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY has again been produced in difficult circumstances, following the recent fire at our Broadway printery in Sydney.

If any regular features have been omitted or reduced in size, please bear with us.

We trust ASW will be back to normal very soon. Meanwhile we appeal to people connected with junior Soccer to send in stories, pictures and logos to help us replenish material lost in the fire.

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MELBOURNE is poised to take over from Sydney as the Soccer capital of Australia.

First round gate receipts in the new 24-team National League revealed one thing — loud and clear.

The NSW-based division of the NSL got off to a dreadful start as far as match attendances are concerned. But the Victorian-based section reported a healthy turn-out of spectators.

For years, Sydney has dominated Soccer.

Australia's biggest city has cleaned up practically all of the honours at club level.

It has provided most of the top players for national team duty. And its poker machines have given Sydney clubs the sort of affluence Melbourne could only dream about.

Add to all this the fact that the Australian Soccer Federation is located in

Sydney and so is the NSL headquarters.

But if 1984 is really to be the great year of recovery, the year when missing fans flock back to Soccer, it appears the revival is going to happen south of Albury-Wodonga!

BY DAVID JACK

Probably the most shattering disappointment on Sunday was the poor attendance at Henson Park for the "Italian derby" between Leichhardt Apia and Marconi.

Barely 2,000 people were there to see a match which, without being unreasonably optimistic, was tipped to attract 5,000-plus.

The game had everything going for it. A new ground with comfortable seating, a fine sunny day (though not hot enough to drive spectators to the beach) and the prospect of two old rivals

battling for supremacy . . . all this added up to a sure-fire major attraction.

Yet Sydney's populous Italian community rejected its Soccer, as it has been doing for several years past.

At Henson Park, the old-timers shook their heads and passed the verdict: "We remember when a match like this was good for a 15,000 attendance."

It was not only the old brigade who were missing. Penrith City, bright new boys of the NSW, a club rich with promise, had 1,500 at Cook Park to see their team take on Newcastle KB United.

Bearing in mind the enormous effort put behind Penrith to gain admittance to the NSL and suggestions that this area west of Sydney was desperately hungry for top Soccer, what hap-

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SIR ARTHUR'S MOOD WAS OPTIMISTIC

BY DAVID JACK

THE 1984 National Soccer League season was launched in suitable fashion at special functions in Sydney and Melbourne last week.

Manager of the NSL, Stefan Kamasz, handled the various guest speakers with all the skill of an habitual master of ceremonies.

He could not, however, vet the words of wisdom from the speakers and this produced an interesting divergence of opinions.

In Sydney, the first speaker, NSL vice-chairman, Tony Labbozzetta got us off on the right foot by warning: "This is do or die year for the National Soccer League."

That opinion was not shared by Australian Soccer Federation president, Sir Arthur George, who, with his opening words, virtually said that it was not!

Sir Arthur said: "I don't like the phrase do or die. I prefer to say do or try something else!"

On reflection, Sir Arthur was probably right. Something else will be tried, perhaps in 1985, because it is difficult to imagine the 1984 NSL format will survive untouched.

Unnecessary annoyances, like the use of the word "conference" instead of division and the strange decision to do away with normal home and away fixtures, will have to be put right. Surely the clubs will

attend to that as soon as possible.

Sir Arthur was in a most optimistic mood and there is nothing wrong with that. All of us, I am sure, would like to think that Soccer is at last going places in this country.



Sir Arthur George

The ASF president described 1984 as "the most important of my 14 years as president." He also spoke of "the beginning of better days," and assured his audience that "the people in Soccer have at last put their act together."

Stirring words, just what was needed to put Sir Arthur's listeners in the right mood.

Other speakers, including the man from 0/28 and the ASF's marketing expert plus, of course the NSL manager, were equally optimistic.

BOSKO IS NEW ASW CAPTURE

TONY BOSKOVIC has traded in his whistle for a typewriter!

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Also on Page 4, Joe Watson and Mike Johnson present their very readable columns.

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EDITORIAL

ONE of the mysteries about the new look National Soccer League set-up is the way relegation will be handled.

The basic plan has been conveyed to the media but, like much of the rest of the information concerning the national competition, it needs clarifying.

In particular, we are interested in how the new Penrith City will be treated should they have the misfortune to finish in one of the relegation spots.

A gentleman at the Australian Soccer Federation told us Penrith would get no special treatment and if the team finished in trouble, it would be banished to the NSW State League.

Another gentleman, however, from the National Soccer League, suggested Penrith would be treated like Wollongong and Canberra and be classed as a "development" area. In other words, Penrith would be immune from relegation for a time.

The NSL manager Stefan Kamasz said Penrith had applied for development area treatment but this could not be granted by the NSL. The decision must come from the ASF.

There is a case to be made for giving certain places temporary immunity from relegation. The loss of Canberra, Wollongong and, perhaps even Penrith, would be a blow to the national competition.

However, a case could also be made out for other teams in the northern division — Sydney Croatia, Blacktown City and Parramatta Melita Eagles.

These clubs face the prospect of being immediately dumped in their first year if their results do not measure up.

Sydney Croatia, one of the best-supported sides in Australia in State League, believe they are just as important to the well-being of the NSL as Penrith City.

There is already a groundswell of anti-Penrith feeling among some clubs who, rightly or wrongly, believe the mountain men were slipped into the NSL through the back door.

Just make some enquiries in Sutherland Shire!

It may be a hypothetical question, but if Sutherland had gained NSL admittance instead of Penrith, would Sutherland have been granted immunity from relegation?

An interesting point on which to speculate. We do not believe such favourable treatment would have been handed out to the Shire.

The NSL, in its acceptance of "development" status for a select few teams, is inflicting headaches on itself. Those headaches could be cured simply.

The NSL might change its rules, get rid of all "development" districts, and accept automatic relegation and promotion for every team.

This may not be the ideal solution. But it seems to work quite well all over the world and, who knows, it might even make sense in Australia!

FITNESS PUTS WEST THROUGH

BY TOM MCKAIN

AFTER a 100 per cent winning record in the Ampol Cup series, one would think West Adelaide coach Sam Salabasis would be happy.

He is, to a certain extent. "We are winning because we are so fit," he said.

"If we were not so fit we would not have won our three minor round games."

And that is why the new coach is so adamant that he must have an experienced forward and midfielder.

"We can't expect to run all the NSL teams off their feet," he said.

"We must have experienced 'killer' up-front and a midfield general."

"Our players can charge all over the ground for 90 minutes, but we need a finisher, and we need a man in the middle who can put all the running to good use."

"Yes, we have plenty of promising youngsters who will make the grade, but at the moment they are far from ready."

Salabasis has based his team on "veterans" Neil McGachey and Graham Honeyman as double stoppers, backed by Ian McGregor at left-back and goalkeeper Gary Sproul.

Fortunately for West, Sproul has hit top form from the start of the year.

McGachey and Honeyman have managed to play it cool, almost as double sweepers rather than stoppers.

And it is here the seams may start to crack when the NSL gets into full swing.

Neither is a giant when it comes to height or in the tackle, and Salabasis may yet have to move Honeyman to the midfield and play young Brenton Hiern as stopper.

The other full-back, John Papazoglou, is one of the new speedy breed.

Tom Totsikas, back after a year in Greece, is now being tried as a midfielder instead of full-back. Steve Atsalar has still to regain his midfield form after the holiday break and late return because of his honeymoon.

So far the youngsters have been well received by fans, but it may be a different picture when they start to lose.

But there is no denying they play an exciting brand of breakneck-speed one-touch Soccer.

However, too often McGachey in particular has been left exposed, praying that the opposition will make a mistake, or Sproul will bring off a wonder save.

So at the moment it is fitness, a touch of luck and good goalkeeping which is keeping the West flag flying.

Salabasis is hoping it will not be in tatters mid-way through the NSL season.



□ GRAHAM HONEYMAN

TOP POST FOR PERKINS?

BY JOHNNY WARREN

CANBERRA ARROWS president Charles Perkins, the top Aboriginal public servant, has been proposed by the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Mr Holding, to become secretary of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs.

The proposal is being discussed by a number of other ministers and senior public servants from several key departments. If successful, Charles Perkins would be the highest-ranked Aborigine ever in the Commonwealth Public Service.

Perkins is chairman of the Aboriginal Development Commission and is a former deputy secretary of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs.

Mr Holding is strongly supportive of the Perkins nomination, arguing that, as a matter of principle, the Government ought to be seeking a qualified Aborigine for the top job in Aboriginal Affairs, and that Perkins is in every way qualified.

Perkins has an established background in Australian

Soccer.

He was a first-class player with Pan Hellenic (now Sydney Olympic) in the 60s, paying his way

through university from match payments.

Perkins became the first Aborigine to graduate from an Australian university.



□ CHARLES PERKINS the player (right)

LET'S GET RESULTS!

SAYS BERNIE HARRIS

OKAY, all you purists, read no further if you're too easily shocked.

I've strongly rejected many of the glib and superficial plans devised by the marketing experts to get Soccer an expanded audience. But the experience of the Prime Minister's Cup shootout between Canberra and Newcastle and earlier Phillip Cup matches has convinced me that the excitement generated by this means of determining a game deserves a trial.

Draws, even scoreless ones, can be exciting. At other times they can be nightmares.

I can recall an uneducated (in Soccer, that is) ABC announcer throwing to a report from me with the words: "And here's Bernie Harris who's going to try to convince us that the nil-all draw at Bruce Stadium was entertaining!"

It was, but to the uninitiated it sounds anything but that. Imagine a cricket match without any runs.

Draws are valuable under a two points-a-win system. With three points, there is that extra drive for success.

We all know how coaches draw down the shutters when they get a lead or equalise with time running out.

If the prospect of a penalty shootout loomed at the end of play, attitudes would change.

I'd go a step further and I invite a trial of this scheme at a future cup tournament... what say next season's NSW Ampol Cup series?

Let's have three points for a win and give each team in a drawn game a point apiece. But then let's go to penalty shots for an extra point when a draw occurs.

Under this system, the team which wins straight out gets its reward; but the team which wins a shootout from a drawn result edges that little further up the table.

Most importantly under my proposal there is a result. Fans would not walk away denied a victory — or a loss.

Gone would be the exodus that occurs all too frequently with the second half 20 minutes away from completion. More attacking soccer should result. And the prospect of that extra point from the shootout situation should spur both sides on.

Perhaps the suggestion is too radical, but so was one-day cricket. All I know is that in the case of the Prime Minister's Cup a result was achieved; the crowd loved it; a radio audience was held enthralled, so audience response indicates; and the players who had given their all in steamy conditions were saved the morale-destroying agony of a loss during an extra 30 minutes of Soccer when exhaustion rather than skill all too often determines the result.

Now, get those letters rolling in, for and against. Over to you, ASW readers.

□ PETER BURKE



BURKE SIGNS FOR KB

BY MYLES HAY

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED coach Ken Kaiser breathed a huge sigh of relief when solid centre-back Peter Burke signed to stay with the club for 1984.

Burke, named as Newcastle Player of the Year in 1983, has been holidaying in his native Yorkshire, where he was married in December.

The likeable Englishman started work as a motor vehicle sales representative last week and is looking forward to an exciting season, though he will miss his defensive partner Gary Watson who has remained in the UK.

Skipper Craig Mason has

changed his mind about having a year out of the Soccer scene and has resigned, though on a match-to-match basis with the possibility that business interests could force him to move from the area before the end of the season.

The return of Mason and Burke adds a greater degree of solidity to the Newcastle side, with Michael Boogaard out to win a permanent spot in the middle of the defence.

MELBOURNE TAKEOVER

opened to the fans on Sunday?

So much for the bad news.

All the good news was in the Victorian section of the competition.

South Melbourne and Heidelberg claimed a crowd of 11,000 at Middle Park; Preston and Footscray were watched by 4,000 and there were 3,000 on hand for Brunswick Juventus v Melbourne Croatia.

Even the games in Adelaide and Brisbane — what on earth are these teams

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doing in the southern division? — had healthy attendances.

Brisbane and Adelaide can only improve on their 1983 crowds which, at times, were almost non-existent.

Of course, it would be rash to make dogmatic judgements after only one round of the 1984 NSL.

But the signs were all there on Sunday.

Move over Sydney ... Melbourne is ready for a Soccer takeover!



□ LES SCHEINFLUG (left) pictured in 1981 as assistant national coach to Rudi Gutendorf

ARROWS WAIT TILL LAST MINUTE

A DRAMATIC last-minute offer by Canberra Arrows enabled Youth International striker Frank Farina to play with the team against Wollongong on the weekend.

This averted protracted and costly legal hearings, which could have finished up before the High Court.

BY BERNIE HARRIS

Last Thursday night, the Arrows board was informed of the action to be taken by Farina.

The likely costs to him could have exceeded \$15,000 initially.

The board resolved to end the uncertainty for the lad by proposing a payment to Mareeba of \$8,800, provided that Farina was cleared to play against Wollongong.

Mareeba readily agreed on Friday ... indeed so speedy was the action from then on that when Stefan Kamasz, secretary of the NSL, rang QSF secretary Alan Vessey, to arrange for the clearance, he was told that it had already been telexed to his office 20 minutes earlier.

National coach Les Scheinflug made no bones about the fact that had he not been in Singapore with the Australian team successfully retaining the Merlion

Cup, he would have been straining all resources to snare Farina.

"I would have got the boy's signature on a contract," Les said, "and then flown to Mareeba personally to pay a transfer fee. I think I would have got

him for \$8,000 or \$9,000 on the spot.

"I certainly wouldn't have gone about it the way the Arrows have. And I would be prepared to pay \$15,000, even \$20,000 for Farina, such is the opinion I have of him and his future."

NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

NORTHERN DIVISION

Blacktown City 1 (Barnes og) Sydney City 1 (Murray at Gabbie Stadium. Crowd: 2,050.

Leichhardt 1 (Gray) Marconi 0 at Henson Park. Crowd: 2,435.

Parramatta Melita 1 (Johnston) Sydney Croatia 2 (Arnold, Savor) at Melita Stadium. Crowd: 3,107.

Penrith City 0 Newcastle KB Utd 2 (McQuarrie, Brandt) at Cook Park. Crowd: 1,500.

St George 0 Sydney Olympic 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 4,207.

Canb Arrows 4 (Farina 2, Brockbank, Jones) Wollongong City 0 at National Sports Centre. Crowd: 2,023.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

West Adelaide 0 Adelaide City 1 (Rankin) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 4,500.

Brisbane City 0 Brisbane Lions 1 (Ogden) at Spencer Park. Crowd: 3,500.

Brunswick Utd Juventus 2 (Sweeney 2) Melb Croatia 1 (Markovac) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 3,600.

Preston 1 (Cole) Footscray 1 (Lujic) at Conner Reserve. Crowd: 4,000.

South Melbourne 2 (Crino, Yzendoorn) Heidelberg 0 at Middle Park. Crowd: 10,000.

Sunshine George Cross 0 Green Gully 0 at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 2,000.

ADELAIDE CLUBS REVERT TO ETHNIC NAMES

BY TOM McKAIN

ADELAIDE CITY and West Adelaide will turn back the clock in an effort to win back supporters.

City want to be known again as Juventus and West as Hellas.

Both changed their names in 1977 at the request of the Australian Soccer Federation when the Philips League was first formed.

But with support dropping off, they feel it is time to change again.

"People say what's in a name? But we feel there is a lot in Juventus," said City football manager Bob D'Ottavi.

"We have given the Adelaide City name a good run, and we feel that we must revert to the original.

"That's what our supporters want, and it might just bring back a few who deserted the club."

Mr D'Ottavi said the club would now be referred to as Adelaide City Juventus.

"We will ask the media to plug the Juventus and retain the Adelaide City on our letterheads," he said.

West are going further, according to team manager Frank Karagiannis.

"We want to drop the West and be known as Adelaide Hellas, with the emphasis on Hellas," he said.

"We have written to the NSL asking for permission to change the name.

"The West part has served no purpose, as we feel we are an Adelaide team for the complete city and not just a section of it."

SCHEINFLUG CHALLENGE FROM AROK

BY MIKE MYSTAKIDIS

THIS is an important year for Australian Soccer for two main reasons.

Firstly, because the national team must have the best possible preparation for the World Cup elimination series, and secondly because the national competition began on Sunday with the new formation which everyone wants to succeed.

The World Cup organising committee's determination — undoubtedly unjust — to place Australia in two competitions makes qualification "Mission impossible".

It is a challenge to the high Australian fighting spirit to deal with such situations.

It is up to all Soccer people to come together and think positively to give the national team the best preparation, thereby turning the "impossibility" into a definite "possibility".

Things are not as easy as they were.

Now, apart from the strong Israel and the very dangerous New Zealand "devils", we also have to face a European team.

This is why some top Soccer administrators, and other people are reviewing their previous opinions about the national coach.

Most administrators firmly believe that in the present circumstances, not only must Australia's coach be aware of the ins and outs of European Soccer (espe-

cially the countries presenting a serious challenge in the final elimination), but he must also be versatile in adjusting his style of play to face any opponent.

A man who fits these prerequisites is Frank Arok, the St George coach, whom the Australian Soccer Press Association voted as the best NSL coach two years in a row.

Les Scheinflug, our current part-time national coach, may be shuddering as he remembers Arok's results against England last year.

But Scheinflug has his supporters too.

They regard him as one of the best coaches in Australia, after winning the Merlion Cup twice in a row.

What they fail to admit is that in comparison to European Soccer, the Merlion Cup is little more than a joke.

We cannot compare Asian Soccer with European Soccer. The difference is as great as day from night.

I believe the World Cup committee and the ASF will be under great pressure to replace Scheinflug with Arok.

According to some sources, the change in coaching position of the national team is but a matter of time.

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I'M SICK OF THE SOCCER-BASHING

I'M just about sick of the Soccer-bashing which seems to crop up from time to time in the Australian media.

In a land where Soccer is still regarded as a foreign game, it is tough enough gaining acceptance from the general public.

But it becomes much more difficult when the media gives people the impression that this sport we all love is nothing better

than a meeting of warring European tribes. Australian readers are virtually told that Soccer will never go places here

because of the constant threat of disruption by unruly spectators.

Every year, almost without fail, there are one or two "incidents" which bring Soccer the sort of headlines it could do without.

Without going into the distant history, let me recall two instances which took place in the past 12 months.

About a year ago, fol-

AUSSIES WILL DEVELOP 'INSTINCT'

CRAIG JOHNSTON'S recent remark in the English press that Australians cannot play Soccer is worth examining.

What he meant was that Australians do not have the brain for the game to the degree possessed by players from traditional Soccer nations in Europe and South America.

He included himself in that remark and declared that, in the Liverpool mid-field where he operates, he is just a runner and that Kenny Dalglish and Graham Souness play the Soccer.

It is true that genes play a big part in our development.

However, many of the Soccer players now breaking through into the professional ranks in Australia are born of parents who are from Soccer-keen European and South American countries.

These players surely will inherit a sense for the game, which to date so many Australian-born players have lacked.

dis, are just three splendid examples of players with an instinct for the game of Soccer.

All three are born in Australia of European parents. Australia's isolation from the main stream of world Soccer is a handicap to the development of great and instinctive skill.

Dez Marton is the classic example of the gifted European players whose instinct for the game is embodied in everything he does.

Whether heading delicately to a supporting player or bullet-fast for the far post, chipping deftly over an advancing goalkeeper or bulging the net with a power drive, Marton is all class.

His mazy dribbles, deft turns, relaxed receiving of the ball are all made gracefully in the right way at the right time.

It is not how much basic skill that you possess that makes the top players, but how and when he uses those skills.

Some relatively skilful players pass the ball short when they should pass it long, dribble with it when they should release the ball, control it when they should play it first time, yet play it first time when they should control the ball.

They will pass when they should shoot and shoot when they should pass.

All of these wrong decisions of how and when to use their skills severely diminishes their ability.

The lower level the game of Soccer, the more you will see bad decisions on use of skill.

Marton comes from a country, Yugoslavia, where top level skill is readily seen.

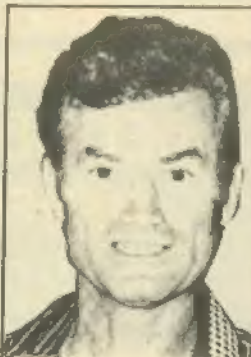
He has been able to watch it, copy it, as well as be instructed in it.

He is now an outstanding example of how well the game of Soccer can be played at an individual level.

There is not one Australian-born player who can play the game the way that Marton does.

But this is gradually changing and in time there will emerge within our ranks players who possess the touch and the instinct for the game on a par with Marton.

I do not think it is any longer true for people such as Craig Johnston, and English coach Malcolm Allison before him, to say that Australians cannot play Soccer.



BY TONY BOSKOVIC

lowing the match between St George and Sydney Olympic, the crowd (predominantly Greek supporters) spilled over on the pitch to congratulate the Olympic players.

There was much hugging and back-slapping for the Olympic players but, at the same time, the St George team did not receive such affectionate treatment.

I do not want to point the finger at one group of spectators, only a few hot-heads among them. This minority came close to ruining a well-organised tournament.

A few Saints players reached the dressing room nursing bruises from their encounter with the fans.

The culprits went unpunished.

This year at St George Stadium we had another invasion of the pitch.

Nothing serious happened. It was more like a picnic atmosphere, with kids running around, kicking the ball, pulling the nets at both ends and similar stuff.

There wasn't anything really malicious about what went on although it surely did not please the St George groundsmen.

I believe that pitch invasion was insignificant compared to similar incidents which have happened in other codes — Aussie Rules and day-night cricket for instance.

Sadly, though, the St George affair made the back page of a prominent newspaper.

Once again readers got the impression of ugly scenes, brawling spectators, police unable to cope, etc.

Both clubs were upset about the story and the police department was embarrassed.

The thing that concerns me most is that Soccer got yet another slap in the face.

There are some sections of Australia's sporting community which enjoy seeing Soccer taking a tumble.

Some people, with an allegiance to other codes of football, are eager to see Soccer limp through a



THIS is how the Italians fence them in. Michel Platini, has to grasp the hand of a young fan through iron railings after scoring his second goal for Juventus in the 2-1 win over Torino.

mediocre existence or, better still, see us banished to the South or North Pole!

Of course, Soccer is not blameless. We too often give our critics good reason to kick us.

Let us protect ourselves. Let the National League demand that all clubs erect protective fences to separate spectators from players, referees and linesmen. We need no protection from the vast majority of spectators but the minority of idiots can provide damaging

ammunition for anti-Soccer people.

Would fencing be too expensive? Certainly not.

St George, so often the leaders in all things pertaining to Soccer in Australia, are currently erecting a wire mesh fence, and it is not costing a fortune.

Many clubs spend more than \$200,000 every year on their Soccer teams and they could build a fence for around \$5,000. I understand the St George fence cost a good deal less.

Would that bankrupt any NSL club?

When I was refereeing, I would have felt a lot more secure if the Australian grounds had mesh fences. Players, too, would be delighted to see that idea implemented — and so would coaches. Just ask Tommy Docherty!

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WRITERS

IT'S A CRAZY NSL DRAW!

SYDNEY CITY has not been endowed with bulging crowds for many season.

But efforts on the club's part to attract more paying customers through the turnstiles in 1984 certainly have not been helped by the draw for the new competition.

Out of the first five games of the season, Sydney City has incredibly only ONE at their home ground, the Athletic Field.

So all you Sydney City supporters out there will have to wait until March 18 before you see your team play at home.

Don't get too excited because you will have to wait until April 8, three rounds later, to see the Slickers once more at home.

Of course, apart from the spectator point of view, it

also does not do a team's championship hopes any good to play four of its first six games away from home.

This is followed by an inter-conference game, which no double again will see the Slickers playing away.

This game is also followed by, yes, another AWAY game. So we have two possibly three home games out of the first eight.

Whatever happened to the idea of teams being involved regularly in local derby games?

Sydney City does not play a local derby game at home until Round 8 of the competition.

The club has to wait



BY JOE WATSON

almost eight weeks until it can hope to secure some worthwhile revenue through the turnstiles.

I suppose that, to someone somewhere, makes sense, but try convincing anyone at Sydney City. NO CHANCE.

IT was great to hear Kenny Lindsay has made a successful comeback after the terrible injury he received a couple of years ago.

I'm sure I speak for every player in the game in wishing Kenny the very best of luck for the coming season.

No doubt Willie Wallace knows how valuable a player Kenny can be if he regains the form that made him an outstanding player with his previous clubs in the NSL.



KENNY LINDSAY: comeback



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SAINTS WARY OF ARROWS

ST GEORGE'S manager, Frank Arok, is treating next Sunday's home match against visiting Canberra Arrows, very cautiously.

Saints have started the season like a bomb, winning both pre-season trophies, the NSW Ampol Cup and the Super Challenge Cup.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Despite dropping a point last Sunday against the visiting Sydney Olympic, Saints have now maintained an unbroken run of 19 matches without defeat. This is a pressure which apparently hasn't worried Arok too much.

Canberra Arrows opened their 1984 account last Sunday by nailing four goals against Adrian Alston's Wollongong. These four goals have shocked Saints and Arok said: "It was more than a surprise when we heard the result. Now they will be coming to Sydney full of confidence, hoping to crack our unbeaten record."

Arok added: "They will make our life hard, but special credit to their coach Doug Collins who already seems to have done a good job there."

"We will put on a good show for the people. They want to be entertained with goals. Goals they will get," Arok promised.

Canberra made the buy of the year when they snared Frank Farina late last week for \$10,000.

Backing up Farina, Collins has made great signings in the form of outstanding midfielder, Steve Hogg, Tommy Sermanni, Anthony Franken, and the giant defender, Roy Jones.

With Sermanni and Hogg operating "the middle-line", the Arrows will shaft many a foe as they make

their target the top five for the end of the season.

Arok is the first to agree that the Arrows at the moment have too much pace in their ranks, and will prove a headache to most of their NSL opponents.

Meanwhile, Saints' retired goalkeeper, Terry Greedy, has agreed to play a

few more matches for his club, and together with the Arrows' Franken, a good show is assured from both custodians.

It will be the agility and youth of Franken, versus the strength and experience of Greedy, the man who kept the might of England at bay...

ARTHUR ON WAY BACK

SOUTH MELBOURNE'S longest-serving player, Arthur Xanthopoulos, is back in training and raring to get back into action.

The strong defender missed all of the pre-season training after sustaining an abdomen injury.

BY GARY CUTLER

Arthur will have his work cut out if he is to get back into the South side that have already dominated the Buffalo Gold Cup competition this season.

Coach Len McKendry believes Xanthopoulos will be available for selection within the next few weeks, and has indicated that winning a position in the side will entail a lot of hard work.

Xanthopoulos, a favourite with the South Melbourne supporters, is confident he will be able to break into the side once given the opportunity.



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FRANK AROK and DAVID SKEEN celebrate after recent Ampol Cup success.

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ROUND UP



GIANT BATTLE AT ST GEORGE

BY TOM ANDERSON

THE battle of the giants is the only way to describe the St George v Sydney Olympic match that ended in a scoreless draw at St George Stadium.

Here was Saints the reigning NSL champions up against Olympic the national Cup holders and it

ended in a match that had almost everything — except the main ingredient goals. The only reason goals

were not included on the lavish menu was through the human element, or the inability of the players to

stick the ball into the net.

There were chances galore with misses occurring when it looked easier to score than to miss.

There was no negative play with both teams magnificent in their counter-attacking methods.

The main culprits in the goal-missing department were Mark Barton for Saints and Jim Patikas and Peter Katholos for Olympic.

This trio could have got a great start in the goalscoring race, but seemed to lose their composure at the crucial moment.

However it was an entertaining game with plenty of action throughout the 90 minutes.

It also demonstrated that both these teams will be in the honours race again this season.

ST GEORGE: Greedy, Skeen, R. O'Shea, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Stone, Barton, (Ricoy 76), J. O'Shea, Slater, Marton, Koczka (Petkovski 57).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Wilson, Rogers, Lambropoulos, Dakos, Jennings, Raskopoulos, Phillips, Patikas, Patalis, Soper, (Kalantzis 85), Koussas (Katholos 64).

REFEREE: Peter Rampley.

CROWD: 4,207.

ROUND UP

MELITA LACKED BITE UP FRONT

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

PARRAMATTA-MELITA only have themselves to blame after losing to Sydney Croatia 2-1 at Melita Stadium before a crowd of 3,107.

It was a story of lack of punch in front of goal for the Eagles — bar their solitary goal in the 42nd minute.

Croatia on the other hand, took their opportunities with open arms. Their goals arrived through some basic elementary mistakes from the Melita defence.

Croatia opened their account in the 16th minute when a corner from Paul Kirwan was nodded into goal by unmarked teammate Graham Arnold.

Melita, who pressured Croatia during the later stages of the first half,

equalised in the 42nd minute.

Billy Griffiths darted through the midfield outpacing Croatia's Steve Meads and put the ball through for newly promoted Stuart Johnston and he showed great poise to tuck the ball home.

The second half started disappointingly for Melita. An early chance to new recruit Ken Wilson was almost headed into goal.

Croatia replied with their match-winning goal in the 60th minute. Kirwan played the ball to left side for Rezo and his low cross was driven into goal by the un-

marked Savor on the far post.

With minutes remaining, Melita's Wayne Farnsworth had the best chance to snatch a draw for the home side. He gained possession at the edge of the area, turned inside Croatia keeper Steve Watson and with an empty net, fired wide.

PARRAMATTA-MELITA: McPherson, McAusland, Tredinnick, McGinn, Wilson, Allan, Davies (Duarte 68), Farrugia, Farnsworth, Griffiths, Johnston.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson, Woods, Tomasic, Kovacic (Basic 76), Sterrey, Vidaic, Rezo, Savor, Arnold, Meades, Kirwan.

CROWD: 3,107.

REFEREE: Doug Rennie.



Left: Melita's Col McAusland clears the ball before Croatia's Wally Savor

WINNING GOAL FROM RANKIN

BY TOM McKAIN

ADELAIDE CITY survived the 31 degree heat to wrap up their first round win since National Soccer was introduced when they beat West Adelaide 1-0 at Hindmarsh Stadium.

It was appropriate that top scorer from the Ampol Cup minor round was, Peter Rankin, who grabbed the goal in the 82nd minute from a pass from midfielder Charley Villani for his fifth goal of 1984.

Earlier, Villani had chipped a shot which hit the West bar, as had fellow midfielder Steve Maxwell, and in the second period, Villani shot wide, midfielder Les Carter shot across the goalmouth, and Joe De-

Vitto fired a low one which West goalkeeper Gary Sproul had to dive to save.

Indeed, but for Sproul, the winning margin could have been greater.

At the other end, West Adelaide midfielder Steve Atsalas shot narrowly past in the first half, and a rocket from midfielder John Panagis was headed onto the post and out by City centre-back Neville Flounders.

Over the 90 minutes, the City line-up was superior, with an unchanged team from its three games in the Ampol Cup.

West, on the other hand, had varied their line-up and are still looking for new players experienced enough to play in the NSL, despite the fact that they are the only team to have won all three games in the minor round of the Ampol Cup.

WEST: Sproul, Papazoglou, McGregor, (Stamatopoulos 68), Honeyman, McGachey, Atsalas, Totsikas, Panagis, Hiern, Konstandopoulos (Brown 46), Malvazos.

CITY: McNally, Shilabeer, Nyskohus, Melta, Flounders, Villani, Carter, Maxwell, Rankin, Mullen, DeVitto.

REFEREE: D. Campbell.

CROATIA HAD BETTER CHANCES

BY HARRY HALL

BRUNSWICK JUVEN-TUS, one of the NSW's new boys, produced the first upset in the southern division, beating Buffalo Cup finalists Melbourne Croatia 2-1 at Olympic Park.

The better team left the park empty-handed and the

underdogs took the points.

Croatia certainly created the clearer scoring chances right through the game but the positive tactics of Juventus gave them a morale-boosting victory.

New player Joe Sweeney shot Juventus to the lead after a quick exchange with Richard Miranda from a through ball in the 68th minute.

Croatia kept up pressure and managed to get an equalising goal eight minutes later when Robert Markovac netted a rebound from the crossbar from a Tommy Cumming free kick.

Sweeney struck for a

second time three minutes before full-time, slicing into the net a Gary Ward square ball.

Juventus were led into their first NSL win by the evergreen Billy Rogers, who played a leading role right from the first kick-off.

JUVEN-TUS: Keogh, Geremia, Swinscoe, Hird, Dowie, Rogers, Cullen, Miranda, Sweeney, Ward, Zinnie.

CROATIA: Blasby, Curcio, Parton, Adams, Hannah, (Deankovic 33), Peter Lewis, Faulkner, Biskic, (Markovac 73), Cojevic, Brogan, Cumming.

REFEREE: J. Fearn.

CROWD: 3,500.

IT WAS ALL SO EASY FOR STH MELBOURNE

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

SOUTH MELBOURNE recorded a hard-fought 2-0 win over rivals Heidelberg, but they dominated the game throughout, creating a lot of scoring chances which would have given them a very big winning margin.

Heidelberg's new coach Brian Garvey had to field a makeshift side because of the departure of Gary Cole to Preston and Jim Camp-

bell's refusal to take the field.

The late agreement with Charlie Yankos and the rush signing of Steve Winn

from Marconi enabled Garvey to pick a reasonable line-up but it was not as strong as a South Melbourne team which, as recently as last week, celebrated winning the Buffalo Gold Cup.

Heidelberg were so weak in every department, they failed to exploit the advantage of South being reduced to 10 men after 36 minutes when referee Chris Bambridge sent off Charlie Egan for retaliating against Don McLeod.

The teams went into the break deadlocked at 0-0, with Heidelberg seemingly determined to grab a point.

South Midfielder Oscar Crino, however, opened the scoring after 79 minutes with a low shot which gave goalkeeper Jeff Olver no opportunity.

South took a tighter grip on the game and mounted a

series of attacks — one of which brought their second goal.

Brown broke through the midfield, eluded the defence and shot against Olver. Halford volleyed the rebound into the net and Yankos handled the ball on the goal line.

Referee Bambridge had no alternative — he pointed to the penalty spot.

South Melbourne captain John Yzendoorn calmly placed his kick into the bottom of the net for his team to win 2-0.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Kalafatis, Blair, Yzendoorn, Davidson, Crino, Halford, Murphy, Brown, Egan.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McKie, Gabrielson, (Metaxis 84), McLeod, (Craic 77), Angele, Selemidis, Salvo, Patterson, Winn, Peterson.

CROWD: 10,000.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge.

FINE SAVES FROM LOU

BY FRANK CALABRIA

PRESTON and Footscray shared the points with a 1-1 draw at the end of a very disappointing game.

Preston started the game in top gear and in the opening minutes had three good chances to score but Footscray goalkeeper Lou Tsigaras produced fine saves thus denying the home team a dream debut in the new-look NSL competition.

Mistakes, by Preston players allowed the visitors to get back into the game but the standard of play failed to improve.

Footscray missed a couple of opportunities created by a very busy Sulejman Curovic but three minutes from the interval, they managed to hit the front through Zdravko Lujic who beat keeper Steve Potter with a well-taken shot from the edge of the penalty area.

Two minutes later Preston suffered another setback when central defender Ian Dobson was sent off after a clash with Igor Hazabent.

The second half didn't improve despite the increased effort of the home team who were desperately chasing the equaliser.

Footscray looked happy with the result and allowed Preston to take the initiative happy to go forward with sporadic counter attacks.

Footscray's negative attitude was penalised 12 minutes from the end when the referee awarded the home team a penalty for handball by Gary McDowell.

Gary Cole converted from the spot to clinch the equaliser.

George McMillan and George Campbell were the only consistent Preston players.

Footscray were well represented by Jim Tansey, Brian O'Donnell, McDowell, Curovic, and keeper Tsigaris.

PRESTON: Potter, Petrovski, Dobson, McMillan, Opasinas, Lucchesi, Ilioski (Ollerton 76), Odzakovic, Heys (Livingstone 71), Cole, Campbell.

FOOTSCRAY: Tsigaris, McDowell, Tansey, Tutill, Taylor, Hazabent, O'Donnell, Curovic, Caroli, Belic, Lujic.

CROWD: 4,000.

REFEREE: Voutsinas.

ROUND UP

'THE ITALIAN JOB' AT HENSON PARK

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

LEICHHARDT-APIA opened their 1984 NSL account with maximum points in "The Italian Job" against old enemy, Marconi, at their new home ground for this season, Henson Park.

Leichhardt had Ian Gray, Terry Butler and Johnny Bradley to thank for their victory, as this trio showed more drive, determination and confidence in their task. They looked "winners".

In particular, Leichhardt's young midfielder, Ian Gray, had an outstanding match as he constantly drove himself into covering tackles and put through good passes. It was also fitting that this lad scored the solitary goal of the match, seconds before half-time with a magnificent free-kick.

As early as the fourth minute, Leichhardt showed great eagerness to score, when Bradley stole the ball off Marconi's centre-back, Steve Calderan.

Bradley squared his pass to solidly built striking partner, Kerry Caban, who shaved the right post with his 16 metre shot.

Tony Morsello in the 35th minute, selfishly elected to go himself with a hot at the target from an acute angle on the right, when it would have been wiser to give a pass to Caban who was waiting free.

Marconi looked lethargic in the first half, and their only serious assault on goal came from a solo effort by Rod Brown who went inches wide.

The goal came seconds before the break. Caban was fouled by Marconi's Jovan Djordjevic, for referee Richard Lorenc to immediately award Leichhardt a free-kick one metre outside the Marconi box.

Gray lined up his shot, and blasted a well controlled hit off the post and into the net.

For the second half, Marconi turned loose their recent signing from Hong Kong, Peter Shame, and although he added much needed punch to his side, he lacked service as well as support on the breaks.

Leichhardt should have added another two goals in the second half, but Caban repeated the selfishness of the first half shown by Morsello, when he shot from an acute angle with Morsello standing free.

Later, Caban again busted his way through but hit the side netting, and this was followed up when Bradley zipped his way through the middle, but his point-blank shot was well blocked by James.

HOARE SAVES DEMONS

BY KEITH GILMOUR

BARRY HOARE was the hero of the Blacktown camp as the Demons came back to draw their first return game in the NSL 1-1 with Sydney City in injury time at the Gabbie Stadium.

Hoare, equalled the Slickers' in the air, and bravery snuffed out five very definite scoring chances that came from Graeme Fletcher, Willie Murray and Mike Lynch.

The arrival of Murray in the 71st minute triggered off a burst of Sydney City fire-power.

It came as no surprise when Murray was at hand to score with a clean winner after the Blacktown defenders had failed to clear a Joe Watson free-kick.

Blacktown's goal arrived three minutes into injury time, and was blasted into goal by the hapless Sydney City skipper, Murray Barnes.

Potential match-winner Paul Kay received close attention in an absorbing battle of tactics.

Demons right-back Robbie Wheatley reigned supreme in the first half. For Sydney City, John Kosmina was subdued in the first half, but thereafter played with excellent vision to tax Blacktown's defence to their limit.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare, Wheatley, Shaw, Dunleavy, Pointer, Selvage, Bourke, Byrne, Sandy, Larkin, O'Connor.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke, Cant, Lynch, Gomez, Robertson, Kay, Watson, Barnes, Fletcher, Kosmina, Boden (Murray 71).

REFEREE: G. Warne.
CROWD: 2,050.

LEICHHARDT-APIA: Parkes, Skellern, Bertogna, Pullen, Brown, Gray, Butler, Tredinnick, Bradley, Caban, Morsello (Genovese 34th).

MARCONI: James, Carter, Mariani, Calderan, Djordjevic, Carbone (Carrizzo 69th), Henderson, Spanos, Lowe, Brown, Licata (Sharne 46th).

REFEREE: R. Lorenc. CROWD: 2,435.

HIGH NOON FOR HARRY

BY GREG RUSSELL

FORMER Ku-ring-gai coach Harry Noon tasted success in his first National League game when his new-look Lions side beat Brisbane City 1-0 at Spencer Park.

Midfielder John Ogden netted the winner in the 68th minute of what was a dull, unexciting match.

Ogden, who only consolidated his place in the team in the past week, took the ball on the left, turned and cut out three players, before rocketing a right foot shot into the net.

Both teams lacked penetration, and despite Lions' signing of Phil Redmond late last week and City's off-season capture of Bob Mountford, the two sides looked weak up-front, and could find goals hard to score this season.

Lions started the match with four new faces. They included Wayne Evans, who had a fine game in goal, John Charlton, who was sound at the back, and Redmond, who at times menaced the City defence.

Lions also started without captain Alan Niven, who lost his place to youngster Steve Jackson. But Niven came on at half-time and was among Lions best in the second half.

New Lions captain John Stewart gave a solid performance, as did Jackson and Jim McDonagh.

City's best were Kim Wishart, who made three top-class saves, and defenders Luciano Fabrizio and Steve Perry.

BRIS CITY: Wishart, Fabrizio, Tokesi, Perry, Wilkinson, Hamilton, Pimblett, Bromfield, (Hughes 82), Swan (Conner 68), Mountford, Mengotti.

BRIS LIONS: Evans, Cork (Niven 46), Charlton, Hunter, Jackson, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, Redmond.

REFEREE: B. Monteverde.

FIRST-UP HEADED GOAL FOR McQUARRIE

BY BRAD EARL. **JOHN McQUARRIE** kept up a remarkable run of Newcastle KB United players who have scored on their National League debut as KB defeated Penrith City 2-0 at Cook Park.

David Lowe (now Marconi), Tony Caban, Nigel Drysdale and Simon Brandt all scored in their first NSL match, and right midfielder McQuarrie joined the list with a back-header which curled over Penrith keeper Mike Gibson in the 40th minute.

KB lost a key player in the opening minute of the match when experienced striker David Jones received an ankle injury as he sped in for the ball with a Penrith defender.

"That took a bit of the limelight off the win," KB coach Ken Kaiser said after the match.

Newcastle's win can be put down to some very determined defending and skilful midfield play

McQuarrie, Joe Senkalski and Ralph Maier — pushed forward from full-back after Jones' injury — overshadowed their Penrith counterparts in midfield.

Newcastle held out well as Penrith, with Ian Hunter prominent in attack, searched vainly for a way to get back on level terms.

Right on full-time, replacement Peter Morgan sent in a cross from the byline, and 19-year-old striker Brandt got the vital touch in front of goal to post Newcastle's second goal.

The match provided some excitement, but both sides lacked cohesion in their build-ups.

PENRITH: Gibson, Brogan, Cross, Daley, McIntosh, Lindsay, Colusso (Wotherspoon 76), Fitzharris, Hunter, Cotton, Jackson.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Kerby, Burke, Boogaard, Maier, McQuarrie, Mason, Senkalski, Jones (Haslam 1 — Morgan 76), McClelland, Brandt.

REFEREE: A. Owens.
CROWD: 1,500.

ROUND UP



□ Leichhardt's man of the match, Ian Gray (right), Challenges Marconi's Atti Carbone

COLLINS KIDS CRUSH WOLVES

BY BERNIE HARRIS

DOUG COLLINS dream was Adrian Alston's nightmare as the Canberra kids stormed to a convincing 4-0 victory against Wollongong Wolves.

A dramatic six minute opening settled Wolves fate.

Wollongong coach Adrian Alston must have been shocked to see the experienced Glenn Fontana ordered from the field just four minutes into the game for elbowing Canberra full-back Paul Ontong.

If that was disaster, double calamity was to follow.

Ray Vliestra collided with a couple of Arrows attackers and was carried off the field on a stretcher. He was taken to Royal Canberra Hospital and the after-match report was that he had suffered damage to an ear drum.

Reduced to 10 men, Wollongong faced a daunting task.

Farina constantly posed menace while Tom Sermanni, who arrived from England last Friday, spent the first half getting to know his team mates. But the chances started to flow.

Larry Gaffney, Green and Phil Kerr gave Farina a torrid time.

Bryant, the master of the dead ball situation, found Farina after 24 minutes on the far post and he gave Tilsed no chance.

The excited fans had to wait only four minutes for the next goal. Andrew Brockbank won a challenge and sprinted off. He hit his shot from over 30 metres out, the ball dipped, but Tilsed was never in the race.

Farina's skill up front was matched by youth international contemporary Anthony Franken prowling the Arrows goal.

Canberra forced three corners in the opening four minutes of the second half. Steve Hogg replaced Bryant whose immobility through injury was becoming a handicap.

Eight minutes into the second half Hogg, from inside his own half, pin-

pointed Farina on the grandstand side. The youngster flashed off down the sideline, veered infield to elude the defence and confronted Tilsed.

Farina easily guided the ball home.

Conceding a corner to Farina, Wollongong saw Brockbank drive headed into the net by the giant defender Roy Jones, who demonstrated practise makes perfect, as he rose high above the pack.

MALTESE DERBY — BUT NO GOALS

BY ROGER VERNON

GREEN GULLY and George Cross played an entertaining 0-0 draw in Melbourne's first "Maltese derby" of the season.

Green Gully looked the better side when going forward, but George Cross created more scoring chances.

Carl Gilder hit the crossbar after 12 minutes with a header, while close to half-time new signing Ossie Latif failed to put the ball in the net from close range.

Green Gully could have taken the lead four minutes into the game, when a lob by Bobby Toal was cleared off the goal-line by Richardson.

Paul Wade, making his debut for Green Gully, contributed much to the attacks — one of which could have put the team ahead had Kenny Smart been quicker with his shot from inside the area.

George Cross did not select their new recruits Costello and Jovanovic.

Costello didn't appear at all, but Jovanovic came on in the 52nd minute for Norrie Pate.

GREEN GULLY: Dennis, Baranic, Hogben, Kremers, Cannell, Wade, Smart, Vassallo, Toal, Smallman, Williams.

GEORGE CROSS: Contini, Bennett, Taylor, O'Reilly, Richardson, Pate, (Jovanovic 52), Stevenson, McLaren, McGorian, Gilder, Latif.

REFEREE: S. Zoumas.
CROWD: 2,000.

A GENERAL IN MIDFIELD

BY TOM ANDERSON

THE NSL season which kicked off at the weekend heralded the 19th season that brilliant midfielder Terry Butler has worn the APIA colours.

Butler, the epitome of club loyalty, joined APIA Leichhardt as a junior way back in 1965 and has been going strong ever since.

Before the club moved to Henson Park this season, Butler knew every blade of grass on the old headquarters at Lambert Park.

Terry, now a young 31, was given a testimonial game last week and if ever such a game was deserved, this was it.

Here is a player who can be held up as the perfect

example of a perfect club man.

He also has the complete respect of his fellow professionals and is, in fact, a "players' player".

Butler started his career as a left striker and was one of the best in the business.

He was fast, tricky and mobile and had the ability to snatch even the half chance.

Butler's best years as a striker were when big Billy Rogers and Peter Ollerton were operating in the for-

ward line, with George Blues on the right.

Like a little terror he gobbled up all the crumbs around the goal that "Ollie" and Rogers left and helped himself to a hatful of goals.

His last appearance in the Green and Gold was in 1975 against Glasgow Rangers who toured here.

However, like many other people, I just cannot understand how Terry was not selected on other occa-

The brilliant form of Butler caught the attention of representative selectors and he won honours for New South Wales and Australia.

sions. He was definitely discarded from the national scene too early.

Butler learned all his football in Sydney. Playing alongside great



PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

TERRY BUTLER

in 1974, downing Auburn 9-1 in the final at Wentworth Park.

I coached the club at that time and, in the heavy rain, Butler produced a perform-

about training or jogging and it took me all my time to walk without being in pain.

"However the APIA club stood by me during this

19 NOT OUT!

This is obvious in his present style in the midfield, where he looks more at home than ever.

Butler resembles Jimmy Rooney more than anyone else in the NSL — which is one of the highest compliments a player can get.

He's a dynamo in the engine room of his team.

If he can continue with his brilliant form of last season, he could well find himself back in the reckoning for international selection — with the national team crying out for a mid-field general.

In my opinion, Butler's finest hour was when APIA won the NSW Ampol Cup

ance on the wing that had to be seen to be believed.

Big Ollie helped himself to five goals — and Terry had a hand in all of them, plus the other four.

In 1978, Terry picked up a bad groin injury which plagued him for three years: it was an injury that would have put most players out of the game for good.

Medical opinion was unanimous that he should hang up his boots, but in typical Australian fashion, he decided to battle on.

"There were a number of times I felt like packing it all in and becoming an armchair Norm," he said. "I couldn't even think

period and I'm grateful to them."

Away from his beloved football, Terry runs a successful lawn mowing business in Sydney.

His clients are all situated on Sydney's affluent North Shore district and he's up and about five days a week cutting and manicuring 10 to 12 lawns a day.

"I love every minute of it and don't mind the hard work," he declared.

"I always wanted to be my own boss and have plans to extend my business."

Players like Terry Butler are few and far between in Soccer — not only in Australia but throughout the world.

NSL YOUTH LEAGUE EXPANDS

BY PETER RUSSELL

THE Northern Division of the National Youth League swung into action at the weekend.

The corresponding Youth League for the NSL Southern Division will consist of the eight Victorian NSL clubs together with four youth teams selected by the Victorian Soccer Federation and will kick-off in three weeks time.

There were no major surprises in the weekend's results, possibly with the exception of newcomers Penrith City holding last years Grand Final winners Newcastle to a draw at Cook Park.

The first hat-trick of the year was scored by Sydney City's Alex Bottalico in their convincing 4-1 defeat of new-boys Blacktown City.

At Bruce Stadium, the Youth League game was a worthy predecessor to the explosive NSL game to follow.

In a very competitive game, the Arrows ran out comfortable winners 3-0, but not before they had lost Patrick Rodney in the 30th minute with a (broken leg and Ray Farrell had missed a penalty mid-way through the second half.

In a goalless draw at Leichhardt's new headquarters, Henson Park, the visitors Marconi held the advantage for most of the first half but failed to convert their

dominance to goals, despite several chances.

In the second half the home side showed far more determination and contested the game with Marconi to a greater degree. However on the day their arch rivals just had the edge in a game which had all the qualities that a derby match should have — competitiveness and intense spirit.

At Melita Stadium, coach Jim Gallagher's Eagles crushed their rivals Croatia 3-0, with Biral Sertbas getting two first half goals before Robert Genovese put

the seal on thing with a penalty in the 75th minute after John McKie had been brought down inside the box.

At St George Stadium, the Saints — with the majority of last year's side still intact — ran out comfortable winners 3-1, but were made to fight all of the way by a lively Olympic side.

The Olympic Youth team seems to have the same problem as their senior side — they have plenty of talent but nobody prepared to put the ball in the back of the net.

St George 3 (Polias 2 Svygnos), Olympic 1 Gardikiotis (pen).

Melita Eagles 3 (Sertbas 2 Genovese (pen), Croatia 0.

Penrith 1 (Easthorpe), Newcastle 1 (Cameron).

APIA 0, Marconi 0.

Canberra 3 (Gioffotelli, Lamond, Gagetti), Wolves 0.

Demonds 1 (Hender), Slickers 4 (Bottalico 3 Lee (pen).



JOHN MCKIE



THE MINISTER OFFERS HELP FOR PENRITH CITY

BY BRAD EARL

PENRITH CITY coach Willie Wallace needn't worry about the attacking strength of his side this year.

All he will have to do if any of his attackers fail to hit the target is to get on the phone to New South Wales State Government minister Peter Anderson.

At Penrith City's media night last week, Mr Anderson, a member of the steering committee which worked for the club's inclusion in the NSW, said:

"I've been sitting there for three weeks waiting for Willie Wallace to ring me... I've got 17,000 strikers on my hands!"

Mr Anderson is Minister for Corrective Services, and he has the job of attempting to get NSW's striking prison officers back to work.

The minister, along with Government colleague, Deputy Premier Ron Mulock, and Penrith City Council Mayor Brian King, was a special speaker at the function, held to introduce the NSL and Youth League players and coaches.

Both local State ministers answered the criticism that Penrith's National League

status was achieved by political pressure. "We were only of a 'heavy' nature in that we were bigger than anyone else on the committee," Mr Mulock quipped. He said such criticism was simply sour grapes.

"We were asked to be on the steering committee, and we sought to encourage those, actively involved in Soccer strive towards their dream of Penrith playing in the top competition — and tonight we see that dream fulfilled."

Mr Anderson added the comment: "I'm not 'the heavy'... in fact I get anorexia nervosa when we're beaten!"

On a more serious note, he said: "We did this for the 15,000 kids in this district. It gives them something to aspire for."

"Instead of playing for Blacktown or Marconi, they can now play for Penrith."

Penrith City have also announced sponsorship from Sydney Pink Pages.

It could reach \$100,000 which Penrith claim is the biggest in the NSL.

NINE CITY MEN

BRISBANE CITY has nine players in a 18-man "interim squad" selected by Queensland coach Bruce Stowell for the match against NSW at Perry Park on April 29.

The squad is: Kim Wishart, Stuart Woodruffe (Mt Gra-

vatt), Steve Perry, Frank Liddell, Peter Tokesi, Alan Niven, Alan Hunter, Frank Pimblett, Bobby Hamilton, Russell Stewart, Ken Swan, Bob Mountford, Danny Wright, Phil Redmond, Gary Bromfield, Garth Moloney (Grange Thistle).



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NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE



NEXT WEEKEND'S MATCHES

ROUND 2 — 10-11 MARCH

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

MARCONI
v
BLACKTOWN CITY
3pm

VENUE: Marconi Stadium
REFEREE: P. Rampley

LEICHHARDT
v
P'MATTA MELITA EAGLES
3pm

VENUE: Henson Park
REFEREE: R. Davies

NEWCASTLE UNITED
v
PRESTON
2.30pm (SATURDAY)

VENUE: International Sports Centre
REFEREE: T. Seacy

PENRITH CITY
v
SYDNEY CROATIA
3pm

VENUE: Cook Park
REFEREE: G. Warne

ST GEORGE
v
CANBERRA ARROWS
3pm

VENUE: St George Stadium
REFEREE: D. Rennie

WOLLONGONG CITY
v
SYDNEY CITY
3pm

VENUE: Wollongong Showground
REFEREE: R. Lorenc



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HOWARD TREDINNICK



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DAVID RATCLIFFE



TODD CLARKE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

ADELAIDE CITY
v
MELBOURNE CROATIA
2.30pm

VENUE: Norwood Oval
REFEREE: J. Rossis

BRISBANE LIONS
v
SYDNEY OLYMPIC
3pm

VENUE: Richlands
REFEREE: A. Kibbler

FOOTSCRAY
v
BRISBANE CITY
3pm

VENUE: Schintler Reserve
REFEREE: S. Mellings

GREEN GULLY
v
SOUTH MELBOURNE
3pm

VENUE: Green Gully, St Albans
REFEREE: E. Venios

HEIDELBERG UNITED
v
SUNSHINE-GEO. CROSS
3pm

VENUE: Olympic Village
REFEREE: J. Fearn

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS
v
WEST ADELAIDE
3pm

VENUE: Olympic Park
REFEREE: C. Bambridge

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NETWORK 0/28 BACKS SOCCER AGAIN

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

CHANNEL 0-28 will once again fully support Soccer for the 1984 season. The Network has made Soccer its main product to sell, and has already taken steps to see that 1984 will be the best coverage the code has ever received.

Sports executive producer for the Network, John Rowley, said, "We are getting all geared up for a top season in Soccer. We are going to give the Soccer fan coverage like he has never seen before."

"Our 'Match Of The Day' programme which went to air last Sunday night at 7.30pm, screens highlights this year from TWO, not one match."

"We have also secured rights to a number of major international matches, that will feature Australia's national side, as well as many top-class European club clashes," said Rowley.

A new programme goes to air every Monday afternoon at 4.30, called 'On The Ball' which will provide a full analysis of the previous weekend round of NSL games with highlights from ALL, with news and interviews.

Main reason for the time slot is to try and capture youngsters watching television in the afternoon and to try and encourage their interest towards Soccer.

Friday's 'International Sports Magazine' will include previews of coming NSL matches, and this programme will screen at 7pm. The 30 minute programme takes a look at all the NSL matches coming up that weekend, with team news and more interviews from both divisions.

At this stage 0-28 hopes to be able to cover satellite matches of the Socceroos with China and top European teams later this year.

Another top Soccer programme that will be again presented by the Network is 'World Soccer' on Saturday, scheduled for screening at 5.30pm, with repeats the following Friday at 4.30pm.

This show proved most popular last year, and the Network has had encouraging feed-back to continue.

Still more news from 0-28. The Network will bring live satellite telecasts of the European Cup Final from Rome on May 30, plus the Cup Winners' Cup from Basle on May 16. Both these Finals have been brought into Australia by 0-28 since the Network commenced transmission back in 1980.

The Network has secured, under a new three year contract with the Australian Soccer Federation, exclusive

rights to cover all Australia's matches, both at home and overseas, with will include Australia's World Cup qualifying matches in the Oceania Group.

John Rowley continued: "These international matches, combined with our extensive look at the NSL on 'Match Of The Day', 'On The Ball' and 'International Sports Magazine', means 0-28 will be the station to watch for all the best Soccer during 1984."

Rowley added: "We have always supported the code in this country with our NSL highlights, followed the Young Socceroos during last year's World Youth Championship in Mexico, and the Socceroos success in defending the Merlion Cup in Singapore before Christmas. Now we can provide an even better coverage for all our Soccer viewers."

Network 0-28 and the Australian Soccer Federation, have struck a winning combination for 1984.

Once again, the Network will have as its Soccer Sports Presenter, the excellent Les Murray.

Due to the excessive work-load planned for Murray this year by the Network, Les has resigned from his position with one of Australia's largest daily papers, to concentrate and specialise on his television assignments.

REDMOND JOINS LIONS

BY BERNIE HARRIS

CANBERRA ARROWS striker Phil Redmond is the latest of a growing number of unwanted Canberra players to be released on loan to other clubs.

Redmond has joined Brisbane Lions after a successful trial with the club recently.

Redmond failed to impress coach Doug Collins during pre-season hitouts.

He is considered assured of regular selection in the Lions line-up.

Whilst he played striker for George Murray last season before Murray was dismissed as coach, Redmond in the latter half of the season found himself anchored in defence by Atti Ahonyi.



PHIL REDMOND

BRANDT FOR LOWE

BY MYLES HAY

DEPARTURE of David Lowe to Marconi opens the way for Simon Brandt to become Newcastle KB's

favourite attacker before the season is much older.

Brandt, of similar build to Lowe, may lack some of Lowe's ball skills, but he is not afraid to take a pot shot at goal from any angle, an important feature of any potential striker.

Goals are what will bring the crowds back to Newcastle in their most crucial challenge since 1978, with Brandt, David Jones and Joe Senkalski likely challeng-

ers for the leading scorers role.

Ralph Maier, who captained the Australian Youth side against Scotland in Mexico last year, is still undecided about his position in the side.

He played most of his games last year at right-back.

Yet he has stated that his favourite berth is in midfield, a position he filled against Canberra in the Prime Minister's Cup, Bernard Kerby taking over at full-back.



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AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES

YUGAL SIGN THAMNIDIS

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

CHRIS THAMNIDIS, one of the most popular strikers in NSW Soccer for the last 10 years, has transferred to Yugal.

Thamnidis was released by Canterbury-Marrickville Olympic, with whom he has played during the last four years.

Born in Greece in 1956, he came to Australia in 1968. Within three years he was signed by Pan Hellenic (now Sydney Olympic).

Towards the end of the 1972 season, Thamnidis, along with Gary Meier, Richie Bell and Billy Palmer, was promoted to the first team.

During his career with Pan Hellenic, he was always a dangerous front-runner operating from the right or left flank.

His ball skills and surging runs drew praise from team-mates and opposition alike.

Thamnidis recalls many magic memories from his days at Pan-Hellenic.

"In 1975 the Greek club Atromitos toured here. In the team was Mimis Domas-

zos, one of the best players ever to play for Greece.

"We played against them and at the end of the game we swapped shirts. That was a great feeling," Thamnidis said.

I asked him which games stood out during such a memorable career.

"I think my best game was in 1978 for Sydney Olympic against Brisbane Lions in the Philips League. That day we won 2-0 and I set up both goals.

"In 1974 Pan Hellenic played Western Suburbs in an Ampol Cup semi-final at Garside Park. That night we won 3-0 and I scored a hat-trick," Thamnidis said.

Being born in Greece, many people would think that Thamnidis would return to play as a professional.

"In 1978, a guest player from Greece, Con Davourlis, suggested that I return to Greece with him. I

wasn't sure about going back.

"I was just about to get married and I was on a high at Sydney Olympic.

"Last year I returned to Greece for a couple of months. I was offered a contract but I declined."

Defenders are a striker's nightmare. Three in particular stand out to Thamnidis.

"St George left-back Harry Williams was very strong and quick. My ex-team mate Dave McIntosh is always consistent and Col Curran caused me many problems," Thamnidis said.

It is early stages at Yugal but Thamnidis is confident about his club's chances this year.

"The club have been training hard and are looking for a good season. They want to get promotion to the NSL and if they get a couple of more players, it can be done," Thamnidis said.



CHRIS THAMNIDIS in action from his days with Pan Hellenic

BLACKTOWN'S OTHER TEAM MAKES BID

BY BRAD EARL
BLACKTOWN UNITED have lived in the shadow of Blacktown City in recent years, but in 1984 they will be going all-out for promotion to the NSW First Division.

They have a new coach now that Dave Zeman has moved to Polonia.

He is Les Decelis, who has coached Liverpool Albion's Federation side for many years. Decelis was recommended by Zeman.

"I think the squad's terrific," Decelis said. "I think we can do well, especially as the club is successful at management level."

One of the consequences of the revamped NSL set-up is that Croatia, Melita and Blacktown City have had to disband their second grade teams, and State League clubs are picking up the unwanted players.

Blacktown United have done well to get stopper Guy Falzon and striker Vic Gaudi from Melita and Stuart Purcell from Blacktown City.

Other new players are Richie Celarc from North Bankstown, Ken Thompson from Polonia, and Mark Stanton and Chris Cowley from Liverpool Albion.

They join United regulars Rolf and Joe Ramisch, Ray Eldridge, and a player who has spent some months in England with the Wimbledon club, Steven Paul.

In contention for the first grade goalkeeping spot is Mark Shillington, who only recently turned 15.

This position is open because Wayne Evans is trialling with Brisbane Lions.

REVESBY WORKERS TURN AMATEUR

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

REVESBY WORKERS players — paid for their services last year — are now playing for nothing.

This move was taken to keep the Second Division club above water and all players will be ranked as amateurs.

Greg Byles, first grade player-coach, feels that this is a good position to be in. "I think it is better because players at the club are there to enjoy the game."

"The players are there, not for financial reasons, but because they want to be," Byles said.

With the decline in club trading, the Workers Club decided to stop their sponsorship this season. At one time it was feared the club would fold.

The junior association reacted quickly. They didn't want to throw away their State League status.

They pressured the Workers Club, and it was decided that the club would

provide sufficient money to cover expenses and enable the team to continue as amateurs.

During the past few seasons the club has climbed from Third Division to the Second. In 1982 they finished fourth and in 1983 sixth.

Byles, who has played for and coached the club for seven years, is optimistic about his club's chances this year.

"We are aspiring to reach the semi-finals. The question of promotion depends on winning the competition."

"It depends on the financial strength of other clubs to buy players. We can't compete financially," Byles said.

Speaking on the club's chances in the Umbro Shield: "We should go

reasonably well. I'm not concerned with results. I want to use this competition as a proper grounding."

The three teams that Workers face are Bathurst '75, Parramatta City and Blacktown United.

Only one prominent player left the club during the off-season — Wayne Coutts (to Bankstown).

Ex-Australian international Brian Turner has been signed up by the club. Last year he played for Rockdale Ilinden.

Turner player with Byles at Western Suburbs during the 1970s.

Two young players are shaping up for first grade — 18-year-old striker Steve Randall and 19-year-old sweeper Phil Haines.

BANKSTOWN-NATIONAL, a club expected to surprise many clubs this year, have suffered some major setbacks during the past few weeks.

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

The amalgamation with the Arab community during the off-season had been paying dividends on the playing field in pre-season games.

However, Bankstown District Soccer Club Limited, who own the licensed club adjoining the Soccer Centre ground, have decided to associate themselves with a local Rugby League association.

The Soccer Club has been asked to play at their home ground on Saturdays. The Rugby League association has been given use of the ground for Sundays.

This surprising move was due to a number of reasons.

The major reason was that the licensed club has

been facing increasing debts during the last few years.

The Rugby League association will put forward \$100,000 towards the debt and provide 500 new members for the club. Three people from their association will be elected on the board of directors.

The licensed club, which was originally set up to support junior, senior and grade Soccer in the district, has not provided financial support to the Soccer club since 1979.

Up till this year, the Soccer Club first call on the ground. The licensed club didn't argue them for its use.

Bankstown-National, who are strongly supported by the Arab community, were given the opportunity

to inject finances into the licensed club.

They were prepared to provide \$30,000 straight away as long as they had five representatives on the board of directors. The licensed club members were not prepared to accept this decision.

The Soccer club now faces many immediate problems.

The licensed club will be charging them for the hire of the ground on Saturdays. Sponsorship problems have started to develop, and the club has to gain approval from the NSW Soccer Federation to play their homes games on Saturdays.

Bankstown-National secretary Jim Griffin is very upset about the recent de-

velopments.

"The Arab community aren't happy. We can't afford to change to another ground because a majority of our supporters are within close proximity."

"We bent over backwards — a majority of the work at the Soccer Centre was done by us. I can understand the licensed club's problems, because the situation has been like this since 1981, but I think it is a coincidence that this has happened since we have become supported by the ethnic community," Griffin said.

On a positive note, sponsorship from Peerless Industries and Mark Jankovics' Sports Centre of Bankstown will be continuing this year.

THE PRODIGAL SONS RETURN

BY BERNIE HARRIS

STATE LEAGUE club Inter-Monaro, in one bold raid on the transfer market has shown that its plans to go all out for the championship this year and thus gain promotion to the NSL are no idle boast.

Inter-Monaro's most famous and popular sons, Sebastian Giampaolo and Walter Valeri, are to be re-united in the colours that they wore when the Queanbeyan-based club won the NSW Grand Final in 1979.

They were not Inter-Monaro's only gains. President Laurie Pastrello announced also that he had signed 23-year-old striker Billy Willox.

The three players spent last season with NSL club Leichhardt Willox, origi-

nally from Bellshill in the United Kingdom, was loaned to Inter-Monaro.

It is understood the package of three players cost about \$15,000.

Ironically, Giampaolo and Valeri re-debuted for Inter-Monaro at Seiffert Oval in the Friendship Cup against Canberra's NSL team.

Back in 1980, the then Canberra City engaged in a bitter struggle with Inter-Monaro over the transfer fee sought for the dynamic striking duo. Finally, Can-

berra paid \$40,000 for the two.

Giampaolo was transferred to Leichhardt in 1981. Valeri, who found the net 22 times while with Canberra, left the club in 1982 after a dispute over his contract.

Pastrello pointed out that Giampaolo still had the potential to confirm his reputation as one of the most brilliant strikers in Australia — on his day.

"Baz is 24 and should have many years ahead of him," he said.

In his last appearance with Leichhardt Giampaolo scored their only goal when the team was eliminated from the Ampol Cup by Sydney City.

Acknowledged as the mentor of Giampaolo and Valeri, Pastrello could not easily disguise his delight at his coup. He has no doubts about Giampaolo, who has in the past been plagued with injuries.

"This season," he declared, "Giampaolo is set to explode."



Giampaolo pictured above in his last match with Leichhardt, and Valeri challenging for the ball during his days with Canberra (left, white shirt).

INDOOR SOCCER FORGING AHEAD

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

THE growth of Indoor Soccer in Australia continues with planned overseas tours at the end of the year.

It comes as no surprise that this sport is surging ahead in leaps and bounds.

After the recent Australian Championships held at the Sports Institute in Canberra, it was announced that four teams will be touring overseas.

The men's side will play in an international tournament in Canberra.

Two teams, the U14 and U15s, will play New Zealand in New Zealand later this year. It is proposed that the U16s will travel to America.

The youth side will tour either Asia or Northern Europe. After a successful tour of the US West Coast last year, they have been invited to tour both places. A decision will be made in the next few weeks.

Joe Brent, the national director of the Australian Amateur Indoor Soccer Federation, is pleased with recent happenings.

"Indoor Soccer has enjoyed phenomenal growth recently. Interest is growing beyond all expectations. The biggest boost has been new registration of 12,000 players from South Australia."

"There are 12,000 registered players in NSW and 24,000 in South Australia, and it is still growing," Brent said.

The AAISF have adopted a positive youth policy for future years, to ensure that Australia will be one of, if not the leader in the sport.

"Our policy of overseas competition was started to encourage younger players to aim for something. Sending the young players overseas they will gain much needed international experience and improve our level."

"We don't want Australia to be third-rate — we want to be number one!" Brent said.

After the Australian Championships, the squads were announced. The sides are as follows:

Mens: SA (M. Fernandez, A. Walker, N. Camroto, M. Dearing), NSW (A. Beck, R. Gisbourne, G. Wick, D. Stevenson, R. Bradley, L. Gabor, S. Hamill, S. Gilligan, E. Osman, B. Gilligan, G. Georgiou, G. Noble, C. Knight, E. Campbell), VIC-TORIA (J. Nilo), ACT (I. Murray, C. Tanzey).

YOUTH: SA (T. Ford, T. Heggarty, W. Duggan), Broken Hill (D. Bearman, R. Pascoe, T. Flower), ACT (E. Maricic), NSW (P. Tiller, D. Hamilton, A. Beckers,



Pictured above are four players who were selected in the Australian team after the recent championships in Canberra. The player in the middle, Jim Field, was selected in the NSW side. The others from left are Ron Gisbourne, Richard Bradley, Steve Hamill and Scott Gilligan.

AUBURN SCOOPS LIONS

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

AUBURN-URUGUAY beat Canberra Arrows and Brisbane Lions in signing promising midfielder Stephen Knight.

Knight, who had travelled to Brisbane to trial with Lions recently, rejoins Ljubo Goykovic, Auburn's first grade coach.

It was Goykovic who coached Knight in the Sydney Olympic Youth team in 1982. Knight will join his former team-mates Mike Kelly and Chris Townson at Auburn.

Auburn's midfield will be strengthened with the signing of Knight. Last year he was one of the State League's most attractive and skilful midfielders.

Auburn-Uruguay have also secured the services of two other talented players.

Tony O'Shana, who has played with Blacktown City for the past two years, has been also signed up by the club. O'Shana is a strong and robust forward.

David Watt, who heralds from Leichhardt, will be playing in defence.

A versatile defender, Watt has experienced the ups and downs of the National Youth League.

Auburn secretary Fred Parker is pleased with the three signings.

"These three players add strength to the squad. The team is getting stronger and we have high hopes of making the semi-finals."

TWO BACK FOR W'GONG UTD

FULL-BACKS Slavko Traicevski and Vasco Naumovski appear set to clinch regular spots in the Wollongong United side this season.

BY PHIL MURPHY

This year the club is struggling to fill teams, so McDonald faces no easy task.

He will be teaming up with Mike Johnson.

They have had a mixed career with United and at one stage were actually suspended by former coach Larry Ashbolt.

The suspensions followed a difference of opinion between the players and the coach over team tactics.

With John Bingham having taken over as coach this season, the two full-backs are keen to put all their problems behind them.

Bingham says the two players are going very well and school teacher Traicevski will add a lot of authority to the defence with his height and strength.

SHELLHARBOUR are on the lookout for a goalkeeper.

Coach Gary Masters has a new-look squad this season and the emphasis is on youth, but he needs someone with a bit of experience between the posts.

"If there is a goalkeeper who can't get a game with his present club we will welcome him at Barrack Heights Oval," Masters said.

"I feel I have a team that can make the top four this season despite the fact many people don't agree."

If they can encourage the newcomers there is no reason why Shellharbour can't get in to the semi-finals.

MARK SWEENEY has left Tarrawanna to play with Fairy Meadow in Second Division this season.

The premier league club didn't have far to look for a replacement they have put Sweeney's brother, Robert, into his spot in their first grade side.

Robert has had only limited opportunities, but coach Eric Thompson feels he is ready to play a key role for the club.

Mark was one of the main reasons Tarrawanna won the Bampton Cup last season, and he also played for Illawarra.

Fairy Meadow coach Mike Johnson has been impressed with Mark's attitude at training and he should go well in the higher grade of football.

TONY McDONALD has been appointed coach of the Fairy Meadow reserve grade and under 18 teams.

It is a popular appointment, as he seems to get the best out of young players wherever he goes.

McDonald has been responsible for the emergence of many young players in Illawarra over the years.

He has coached premier league clubs Berkeley, Shellharbour and Figtree always putting the accent on the development of their younger players.

Fairy Meadow did particularly well in their minor grades last season, their under 18's topping 100 goals in the premiership.

DAVID NAYLOR has resigned as Conston's coach and Vasco Sekuloski has taken the job — the biggest task facing any Illawarra coach this season.

Conston have suffered through a mass exodus of first grade players from last season, the latest being Peter Bragg and Ian Cirson.

Bragg has signed with Fernhill, under former Conston player Gerry Walker, while Cirson is now with built.

That brings the total of last year's first graders to "defect" to 13, and it is no wonder secretary Rex McLean isn't sure what the future holds.

"We could quite easily fold up unless we get some players in a hurry," he said.

"We are hoping Sekuloski can get a few new faces to training so we can assure the Association we will be able to take part in this year's premiership."

Conston have been given permission to miss the Corrimall Leagues Club knockout which starts this weekend.

They may still take part if they get a reasonable side together.

To have them pull out of the premier league will pose a major problem, as the ISA won't want to have a bye in their major competition.

NEWCASTLE'S NEW SECRETARY

BY BILL TURNER

THE NORTHERN NSW Soccer Federation now has a full-time secretary.

He is Paul Whittingham, who has a sound background in the code's activities north of the Hawkesbury.

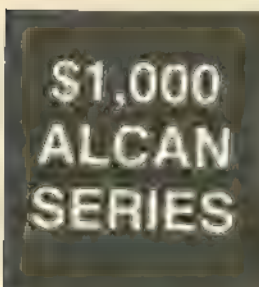
Paul played football with the New Lambton Soccer Club, and for some time wrote a column in the Northern Soccer News.

Towards the end of 1983, he spent much of his free time at the Federation office in Adamstown accustomed himself to procedures, constitution and by-laws and office management.

He agrees that he owes much to directors Ernie Lamb and Ken McNeil and office staff Narelle Dean and Helen Lewis.



□ **PAUL WHITTINGHAM at work**
Although at his post for less than two months, it would take an ultra-curly question to toss Paul today



THE pre-season Newcastle competition being staged at Weston Park has reached the quarter-final stage.

These matches will be played at the compact Weston ground on Sunday, March 11, the semi-finals on March 18 and the final at 3pm on Sunday, March 25.

Alcan Australia Ltd have donated \$1,000 plus a trophy to the winners, while the Weston club has allocated \$250 to the runners-up.

Popular Weston official Jack Turnbull has again gained the post of president with the club, with Maurice Bedford as treasurer.

Work commitments have forced David Cresswell to give up the position of secretary, though he will remain on the club committee. Cresswell's successor is still to be named.



A ROYAL SUCCESS

PROGRESSIVE Metropolitan League club Royal Richmond have taken a major step towards making the club a financial success as well as fielding a good team.

Club president Ahmed Ali told ASW "We have just opened a restaurant in the western suburbs that we are hoping will be a good

venture, as many of the Turkish community live in the area.

"On the playing side of things we have struggled a little over the past few years but this has been mainly due to the fact that we have had limited funds. The restaurant has got away to a good and it will be a big help to us financially," said Mr Ali.

The club have also recently appointed a new coach in former Footscray JUST player Andy Dovic, who has done an excellent job since his arrival.



STATE LEAGUE side Fawkner are set to be one of the biggest hits this

With Cedo Cirkovic leaving the club at the end of last season, they found themselves in need of a coach who could take them to the National League as quickly as possible.

BY GARY CUTLER

Gus McLeod was appointed and immediately set about the task of strengthening the squad.

McLeod realised that he was needing more might to the team and bought Ged Bannon from Juventus, as he work-rate was sure to be a big strength.

Peter Boyle was also bought from Green Gully to play in midfield and Gus recruited his tough brother Frank from the struggling Albion Rovers.

So with the season nearly here how will the side go now they have added six new faces to the already skilful squad?

Surely with the experience of all these players and the loss of the top four clubs into the NSL, the State

WILSON SET FOR NSL

BY GARY CUTLER

NORTHCOTE CITY look set to lose one of their most consistent players in Mark Wilson.

The aggressive midfielder, who was a Irish Youth and under 23 international before coming to Australia 12 months ago, has been training with Heidelberg.

After playing for the club in a recent friendly, he impressed coach Brian Garvey sufficiently enough for him to inform his committee that he wants them to start negotiations.

Wilson won the Best and Fairest award for Northcote City last season and will be a great loss to the club if the deal should go through.

Wilson said: "I enjoyed the game I played for the club and have wanted to play in the NSL since I arrived in Australia."

"Northcote have been good to me and my relationship with the club has been good. The only reason I will leave the club is because I feel that by playing in the NSL I will be a better player," said Wilson.

Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey said: "We need someone in the middle of the park who will battle and win the ball for us as we are lacking aggression in that department."

"Mark is a player who gives everything he has and is a good tackler, if we get him he will do us a good job."

Northcote have signed Juan Toro from Heidelberg, and he has made a

good start.

The skilful midfielder has struck up a good understanding with Colin Quigley and Sammy Wright, who has found a new lease of life at full-back.

Another valuable acquisition by Northcote was the signing of Laurie Boarotto from Bulleen Veneto.

The striker had a slow start but in recent matches he has continually put in good performances that have pleased coach Tony Vrzina.

Boarotto has been one of the main reasons for the better performances of the side in the latter part of the Buffalo Cup and in friendlies.

AN ALL-NSL FINAL IN SA AMPOL CUP

BY TOM McKAIN

ADELAIDE's two NSL clubs, City and West, look certain to contest the final of the SA Ampol Cup series.

City fans will be first to know their fate when their heroes take on Azzurri in the first semi-final tomorrow night at Hindmarsh Stadium.

West feature in the late

match against Beograd.

City battled to the semis with a 4-0 win over Para, a 1-1 draw with Beograd, then coming from behind twice to beat lowly Birkalla 3-2 in the final minor round.

programme.

While West won all their games, it took a penalty to beat Azzurri 1-0, another one and a "normal" goal to knock out Croatia 2-1, and there was only a 1-0 win over Polonia.

Azzurri charged into the semis with a 2-0 win over Croatia last week, while City had to fight all the way for their win over Birkalla, who held the NSL side at 2-2 after leading twice, before midfielder Les Carter got the winner in the 67th minute.

Wally Bojczuk got back on the scoresheet for Azzurri and will be a key figure tomorrow night against City.

Azzurri won the Cup last year when they beat City in the final, so will not be overawed by the occasion.

They could grab the edge in midfield where John Francis and Stewart Blair, regarded as veterans, are playing as well as ever and look capable of feeding Bojczuk, who is battling this year without the support of Scotty Donnelly (overseas) and Andy Toland (to Beograd).

The latter will be a key figure in the Beograd side, which has been anything

but spectacular in the series with two draws and a win, the latter over Parra Hills.

However, West, as we said earlier, has had to struggle for its three wins, and fitness has been one of their strengths.

The other has been the experience of Graham Honeyman, Neil McGachey and Ian McGregor at the back, along with some brilliant goalkeeper by Gary Sproul.

For the rest it has been hundred miles-an-hour stuff from the young West midfielders and forwards, with coach Sam Salabasidis lamenting the lack of a killer finisher.

All round, the semis look like being exciting affairs, with the NSL pair just being given the edge in the betting.

Final tables:

GROUP A

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Adel	3	—	4	1	6	
Azzurri	2	—	1	4	1	4
Croatia	—	1	2	2	5	1
Polonia	—	1	2	1	4	1

GROUP B

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Adel C	2	1	—	8	3	5
Beograd	1	2	—	4	2	4
Para	1	—	2	2	6	2
Birkalla	—	1	2	3	6	1



BENNY FERRIE (dark shirt)

FERRIE WANTS TO ROVE

BY GARY CUTLER

BENNY FERRIE, the Albion Rovers dynamo, has asked the club for a transfer.

Ferrie has been at the club for the past two seasons since coming from Scotland.

The small Scot has impressed a lot of clubs and his style of play and running ability that has ground many opponents into the turf.

Ferrie said: "Albion have been good to me but they are not progressive enough. I want to be at a club which wants to win things, not one that is content just to play."

"I would hope that can get a club in the State League as there is a maximum of \$500 on my head."

With all the players that have been transferred over the past few weeks for large amounts, Ferrie appears to be a real steal at this price.

Rumour has it that there are a couple of State League clubs in the hunt for him, as well as a few Metropolitan League sides.

Ferrie is just another name to go on the list of players who want to leave the Rovers.

CHIT HAT



IT's taken three years for Kenny Lindsay, the former Wests and Marconi player, to make a comeback at the top level of Soccer after a compound leg fracture.

Lindsay had his leg broken in a pre-season challenge match between Marconi and Sydney City in 1981.

On Saturday, Lindsay turned out for his new club Penrith City, and played well in a defensive midfield position.

Last year, Lindsay played Federation Soccer with Eastern Creek as player-coach — which gave him enough confidence to make a comeback at National League level.

"If I'm going to play, I might as well try and get some money out of it," Lindsay joked.

THE Wollongong connection at Blacktown City grows stronger with the addition of experienced ex-Wolves players Chris Dunleavy and Phil O'Connor.

They join coach Casey De Bruin and young prospect Anthony Welbourne, who make the trip north from the NSW South Coast city for training and playing.

STAGGERED by all the large cheques presented to his Club, Parramatta-Melita coach Raul Blanco opened up his speech with: "Would all the sponsors please see me after this reception. Every time I ask the club for money to buy more players, they keep telling me 'We have no money'."

ADELAIDE's West and City are now happy they failed to entice State League's top scorer Gary Price away from Croatia.

The Englishman has not kicked a ball this season — indeed not since three-quarters of the way through last season.

He is still receiving treatment for a recurring hamstring injury, and will be lucky to make the start of the State League season at the end of March.

WOLLONGONG CITY coach Adrian Alston has made a bold prediction about full-back David Green.

"He will be one of the 'finds' of the NSL season," Alston said after Wollongong's 2-0 trial win over Polonia.

Green was with West-Figtree last season playing on the right wing. He was playing under dual registration with the Wolves but had only limited chance in the first team.

Alston says he wanted Green to play full-back the first time he saw him because he felt he had all the attributes for the position.

"He hasn't let me down so far and I'm sure he has the dedication and attitude to really make a name for himself this season," he said.

WEST ADELAIDE will renew efforts to sign striker Paul Blute from SA State League club Croatia.

They tried to sign the big forward last season, but he said he was not prepared to train four times a week.

Now he is free of other commitments, and although Croatia coach Jack Bradwood has already said no, West are confident they can gain his release.

"We will be talking with Croatia when their Ampol Cup commitments are finished, and I'm sure we can do a deal," said West team manager Frank Karagiannis.

West failed to sign Gary Cole from Heidelberg, and then decided against trying to sign Kiwi Steve Wooddin from South Melbourne, as they were afraid he would want to return to New Zealand next year.

ANGELO AMBROSINO, unwanted by Canberra Arrows coach Doug Collins, has rejected several offers recently, joining the ranks of players unhappy at the prospect of having to leave the ACT.

His \$6,000 transfer fee is too much for Inter-Monaro, so Angelo has lodged an appeal.

AS part of the David Lowe transfer deal, Newcastle KB United will meet Marconi in a floodlit challenge match at the International Sports Centre.

Local television station NBN Limited will assist in the promotion of this game, which may be the only time local followers will see Marconi this season.

The return of Lowe, the most popular figure at Newcastle since ace striker Ken Boden, should ensure a huge crowd for this novel promotion.

The loss of Lowe, coupled with the transfer of Howard Tredinick to Parramatta-Melita, takes two local youngsters away from the area in which they learned their Soccer.

PARRAMATTA-MELITA player Col McAusland has been playing in several positions this year.

After his transfer from Leichhardt at the beginning of last season, McAusland played mostly as a defensive midfielder in the 1983 State League champion team.

However, this year he has been switched between different defensive positions, mainly due to the bad injury trot the Eagles have had so far.



Col McAusland (left) clears the ball before Graham Arnold of Croatia moves in.

READERS FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired please keep letters and postcards short and to the point. Write to The Editor, Australian Soccer Weekly, 261 Broadway NSW 2007.

Auburn Youth

IN ASW November 1 1983, you had an article on the Auburn youth touring squad. What I am interested in is the players which were pictured with the squad and the team they would make if they were still with Auburn. (The most important thing is that they are under 21):

Michael McLaughlin (Blacktown City), Rod Brown (Marconi), Robbie Slater (St George), John McDonald (Auburn), Tom McCulloch (Marconi), Craig Jones (Auburn), Paul Carter (Leichhardt), Slov Planinic (Auburn), Paul Daley (Penrith City), Brett Woods (Croatia).

All these players played with Auburn between 1979 and 1982 and if Auburn had the money to keep them together they would have been the best young team in Australia.

They would need a goalkeeper, and I have included John McDonald as he has played with them all and is like the father of Auburn. The two Auburn players in the team, Slov Planinic and Craig Jones, would have to be the best two players in the State League.

Planinic is a strong defender who developed into a great player in his first year

burn players of the past.

I hope you will still give good coverage of the State League this year and watch out for the Auburn team of '84.

AUBURN SUPPORTER

Thank You

I wish to convey the thanks of our Association for the support by you and Keith Gilmour in promoting Soccer through your AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, especially publicity of our own Association with the help of Frank Finlay.

Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Thanking you once again and looking forward to continued co-operation in the coming years.

IAN BARKER, SEC. Albury-Wodonga Soccer Association

Small ASW

IT was a big disappointment to get the "short" version of ASW this week because there is usually such a lot of reading to be found in it.

But it was obviously the fault of the fire. I am hoping you will quickly be back to the usual size with all the big stories.

G. K. KUHN Botany, NSW.

Sheilas!

I think you are wrong to give so much of your space to women's Soccer. Who is interested anyway?

Soccer is a game for blokes — not for sheilas. Let us keep it in the male family.

If you left your women's page out altogether I do not

think you would lose even one reader.

Why don't you try it, MALE CHAUVENIST Dapto, NSW

More in 1984

I AM an optimist. I predict that the 1984 Soccer season will be the best in the past half dozen years.

Reasons? The new State Leagues, even called strangely national conferences, will give us close contests with local derbies and no longer thousands of dollars thrown away on airline fares.

So clubs will be viable financially and will not live week to week on a shoestring. On to 1984 and may the best team win.

G. JOHNSON, Pennant Hill, NSW



The photo above shows the Auburn youth side that toured England as well as their local products who are currently playing in the NSW State League and the National League.

WELL-known striker Brian Parker is back in Sydney after a holiday in the UK.

The former Melita Eagles, Croatia Sydney and Riverwood player appeared for North Bankstown in Second Division last year after Riverwood folded.

FORMER St George goalkeeper Brett Beves is really on the outer at Brisbane Lions.

He did not agree to a new contract and he won few friends after an incident in a trial game against Mount Gravatt at Richlands recently.

Beves, who won his way into the Lions NSL side midway through last season, angrily threw the ball at one of his team-mates after he felt the player obstructed him in his bid to take a high cross.

Club officials considered slapping a fine on Beves for the incident.



**KEITH
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SCENE**



\$1,000 PRIZEMONEY FOR JUNIOR NEWS

SERDERON PTY LTD, Sydney's leading polythene distributor, has come up with Australia's biggest prizes for junior and amateur Soccer publicity, in conjunction with **AUSTRALIAN WEEKLY's** junior section.

The \$1,000 total prizemoney will result in an enhanced award of \$500 to the club, association, school organisation or other junior Soccer body which contri-

butes the best stories and/or pictures featured on our junior pages.

Judging will be carried out by the editorial staff of ASW, whose decision will

be final.

The period of the competition will be from the first issue in April to the last in September.

The second prize will be

\$250, third and fourth \$100 and fifth \$50.

The prize winners in previous years were

1983 1st Northern NSW Schools Soccer Federation, 2nd Canterbury & Districts Soccer Football Assn, 3rd Auburn SC juniors, 4th Albury-Wodonga Soccer Assn, 5th Across The Waves SC (Bundaberg, Qld)

1982 1st Chullora Wolves SC, 2nd Bundaberg Soccer Assn, 3rd Northern NSW Schools Soccer Federation, 4th Runaway Bay (Gold Coast, Qld)

Highly commended in 1982 were Mt Gravatt (Qld), Blacktown United juniors (NSW), Buderrm Wanderers (Qld) and Western Creek (ACT)

In that category in 1983 were Sutherland Shire Assn, Western NSW Soccer Federation and Blacktown SFA

Serderon director Steve Serda told us, "The fact that we have increased the prizemoney speaks volumes for how highly we regard the objectives of the competition

"Junior Soccer as well as seniors needs to promote this great game of ours.

"Shoddy publicity is not worthwhile. High standard information on Soccer draws interest and builds extra enthusiasm.

"What is being done in ASW can flow over to local papers, club and association news and into every part of the media generally.

"We were very pleased with the high quality of the material submitted by the clubs and organisations last year, and expect it to continue on and even improve again this season.

"Personally, as a junior coach I also would like to encourage all youngsters to strive to reach the best standard that they can in the game."

Well, what about getting those pens and typewriters moving and cameras clicking.

ASW looks for young support in providing Australia's outstanding junior, schools and amateur Soccer cover.

And that applies to your State, whichever one it is.



YOU don't have to have boots or wear your club colours to get some enjoyment out of practising your Soccer skills. This youngster is executing an overhead kick at the beach.

COOTAMUNDRA WANTS OUT

THE Cootamundra Junior Soccer Club approached the Riverina Branch of the **NSW Amateur Soccer Federation** to get permission to affiliate with the **Wagga Soccer Association**.

The approach was made by the junior president of the Cootamundra Club Mr John Huntington at the branch's first meeting of the 1984 season.

In the absence of the branch president Mr Bob Maundrell, through illness, the branch vice-president Mr Wally Bracher told Mr Huntington to approach the South-West Slopes Soccer Association, before applying for affiliation with the Wagga Soccer Association.

Mr Huntington said that, because of boundary problems, his players have a limited opportunity to play "tough" matches.

In reply to branch secretary Mr Dick Powell, Mr Huntington said he had several teams of the same age-group who have no chance to play against stronger teams in the South-West Slopes Association.

After a long discussion, Mr Bracher requested the South-West Slopes and Wagga Associations to discuss the matter and report back to the branch.

The secretary of the Cootamundra Soccer Club, Mrs Maynard, pleaded with the Young Soccer Club delegates to have their junior players return to the South-West Slopes Association to give the juniors a good opportunity to further their skills.

PLENTY OF CHEERS FOR WHITEBRIDGE!



WHITEBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL Soccer team from the Newcastle district simply would have to perform well.

Who wouldn't, with a cheer squad with fetching smiles to back them up.

The entire party is:

BACK ROW (L to R): Amanda Cowen, Sallyann Face, Garry Jeffries, Darren Mitten, Paul Nickel, Todd Hitchcock, Paul White, Rodney Smith, Grant Harrison (coach), Elisa De Santi, Elke Rowekamp.

SECOND ROW: Christine Squire (cheer squad coach), Toni Gardner, Ruth Stevens, Brian Grist, Shaun Kennedy, Craig Hadden, Gavin White, Ross Fallins, David Cocker, Greg Horvarth, Kristin Blanch.

THIRD ROW: Stephanie Ryan, Judy Heyworth, Arthur Favus, Carig Toynce, Reece Collin, Warren Douglas, Andrew Hamilton, Scott Murray (captain), Jason Murray, Tim Battersby, Bernadette Lara, Lynne Dobinson.

SITTING: Corinne Irvine, Karen Wilson, Christine Jeffries, Julian Hall, Megan Dennis, Megan Purser.

PROGRAMME TO KICK-OFF

JAMES HARDIE INDUSTRIES primary school development programme kicks off on March 28.

Under the terms of that firm's involvement with the **Canberra Arrows**, the club will provide a coaching service to every primary school in the ACT.

This service will take the form of a one-and-a-half hour visit to each school, where students and teachers will receive skills demonstrations, a series of skill-orientated fun games, posters and team photos of the Arrows.

The ACT schools authority, through the organisation of Peter Weddel and Helen Wilner, have been more than

co-operative in assisting in the Arrows to organise this community Soccer project.

MINI AMPOL CUP

SEMI-FINALS

Tuesday March 6 — Melita Stadium, Melita v Sutherland 6.15 pm. Sydney Olympic v Baulkham Hills 7.45 pm.

FINAL

Friday March 9, Seymour Shaw Park — 7.30 pm.



YOUTH LEAGUE REDRAW

THE withdrawal of Polonia and Bath-west '75 from the **NSW Youth League** led to an urgent redraw of the entire fixture list, advises competition secretary **Bill Cullinan**.

The NSW Amateurs played matches in the competition last weekend, except in the cases of five clubs who could not do so.

Mr Cullinan said that results of matches played on Sunday would stand, and would result in byes when the games are due to be played later.

Sunday's results have been withheld from publication. Clubs will be advised of next Sunday's games by telephone, and the complete new draw will be handed out at Friday night's delegates meeting.

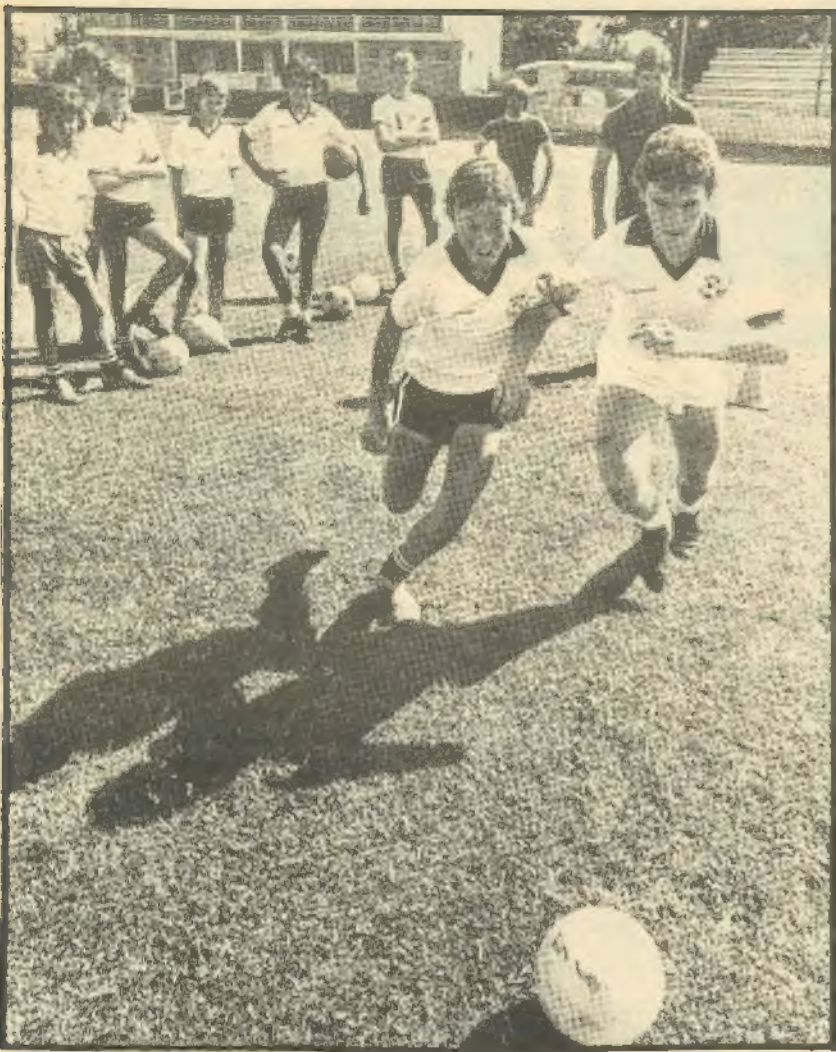
BANKSTOWN COACHING COURSE TO START

THE annual 10-night basic skills coaching course held by the **Bankstown District Soccer Coaching Academy** commences this Friday night (March 9).

The course runs on alternate Friday nights at various grounds in the Bankstown District. The first night will be held at Auld Reserve, Milperra, starting at 7 pm.

The chief instructor is **Ron Mannel**, who has been associated with the Academy since its inception in 1978.

Those members who qualify can sit for the Academy's Proficiency Award at the completion of the courses. Inquiries to secretary **Warwick Mallitt** 77 5625.



CONTEST FOR THE BALL

IT'S eyes on the ball as these two youngsters race in to win possession. In the background is the remainder of a group of boys receiving skill training from former Australian international John Doyle.

LAST CALL FOR TURNER CUP

BY JOHN MOSCOVIS

ENTRIES are coming in thick and fast for the 1984 Turner Cup.

Schools that entered in the early years have enjoyed the competition immensely, and others are coming for the first time.

Many new entries have come in from Western NSW, Northern NSW and Sydney in particular, so the total number of schools involved is certain to be a record.

In the Sydney Region, Elderslie HS, Engadine HS, Marist Brothers Senior College Auburn and St John Bosco HS Engadine are amongst the newcomers.

The entries from around Lismore will improve, and in the Grafton district six secondary schools will come in this year.

The Turner Cup covers teams from schools who comprise players who are under 15 (ie do not turn 16 in 1984).

All you need is 11 players, but if you wish to be in it then you had better hurry.

Entries close for the Sydney region on Wednesday March 14, and on a similar date in the country which can be obtained from the regional co-ordinators.

The big thing for Soccer is that the Turner Cup covers all private as well as government schools, enabling boys from every kind of school in the State to rub shoulders in the world's greatest sport.

Below is a list of the regional co-ordinators for each area.

The entry form will enable you to provide the right information.

From 244 schools last year the indications are that at least 300 schools could be involved this season.

Don't let your school miss out.

For Sydney, the entries go to John Moscovis, Epping BHS, Vimiera Rd, Eastwood, 2122.

In the country, your local

teachers involved are: NEWCASTLE/HUNTER: Dudley Lewis (Booragul HS).

CENTRAL COAST: Angus Payne (Wyong HS).

UPPER NORTH COAST: Warren Bancroft (Richmond River HS).

LOWER NORTH COAST: Brett Gore (Forster HS).

SOUTH COAST: Fred Smith (Berkeley HS).

RIVERINA: David Dunn (Kooragang HS).

FAR WEST: Alan Groth (Lithgow HS).

UPPER NORTH WEST: Bill Schofield (Duval HS, Armidale).

LOWER NORTH WEST: Brian Boggs (Oxley HS, Tamworth).

ACT: Peter Weddell, ACT Sports Coordinator, (062) 49 0301.

Here is the entry form:

ENTRY FORM 1984 TURNER CUP

The Sydney closing date is Wednesday, March 14. The local co-ordinator will advise the date in other regions.

School: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Coach: _____

FIRST NAME SURNAME

Home Phone: _____

Manager: _____

FIRST NAME SURNAME

Home Phone: _____

Colours: Shirt: _____

Shorts: _____

Socks: _____

Home Ground: _____

Principal's Signature: _____

Date: _____

MAUNDRELL THE BRIDGE-BUILDER FOR COUNTRY

RIGHT behind the move in the NSW Amateurs to establish NSW Country representative teams in under 13 to 15 grades was the president of the Riverina Branch, Bob Maundrell.

He was, in fact, the designer and builder of the bridge which puts country youngsters virtually on equal footing with their city brothers.

"I was on the floor for 55 minutes at the NSW Amateur's annual meeting on this subject," he said.

"With excellent support from the metropolitan associations, I finally won the 'war' of my lifetime. It is my most pleasing achievement in the game."

Bob is a dominant figure in Riverina Soccer, with a passion for the code and for the ethics needed to handle problems as they come along.

"I stick to the rules and the constitution. In doing this I sometimes feel that I may not have made enough friends, but that is the only way that a skipper should run his boat," he said.

Anyone can make a mistake, Bob reckons, but they should not make the same mistake a second time.

Now, he is junior vice-president for NSW Amateurs.

How he has found time to help Riverina along the track is difficult to understand when his other duties are examined.

In 1981/82 he was president of the NSW FSC Southern League, which was formed from Riverina and ACT teams.

The competition was a great idea, but insufficient funds and inequality in standards between some of the clubs led to its demise.

As so often happens with worthwhile plans, an alternative turns up. The ACT took over, as the major partner.

Two Griffith clubs, Hanwood and Griffith City (formerly known as Yoogali), are in the ACT competition.

Bob Maundrell was born in wartime Brisbane and grew up in Tamworth, where he played Soccer from Under 10 until he turned 20.

He represented North-West NSW as a junior and played for Tamworth High School First XI as an inside-left.

Continually frustrated by the then existing poor standard of refereeing and of competitions generally, he represented North-West NSW and Tamworth at Rugby Union and had a season with Sydney club Gordon in 1964.

At cricket he played for Tamworth under former Test player Johnny Gleeson.

Studies as a valuer with the Valuer-General's Department and marriage to Judith came in turn.

He was the opening bowler for Maitland and played social Soccer there as well, and then reduced his golf handicap to six before being transferred by the Department as senior valuer at Griffith.

As is so often the case,

Maundrell saw his interest rekindled by his son's Soccer enthusiasm. Young Shane brought him back into the game as a coach.

In 1978 he coached Griffith U9 to become NSW Country Champions and State runners-up.



BOB MAUNDRELL



WAHROONGA youngster Andrew Jones has played 100 matches for his club. Australian Youth captain Tommy McCulloch came along to make the presentation at a club function.

Further success in the coaching field followed with Griffith U10 reps and the Hanwood club U10, 11, 12, 14 and 16 years teams.

This year he is looking after Hanwood U18 in the ACT League after having been NSW U14 manager in 1983.

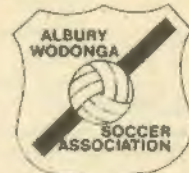
Maundrell has seen the days when country Soccer was played at minimum standards, and has helped it through until the game is destined to produce many fine players.

BARRY BACKS ALBURY KIDS

THE mentor of junior Soccer in Albury is the only way to describe Barry Arnold, the manager of McDonald's Family Restaurant.

With his wife Carolyn, he brought the franchise in 1980 and runs the business like a really tough Soccer coach.

He is an able businessman and an outstanding administrator who introduced his own management policy.



Last year with Radio 2AY, he donated the McDonald's 2AY perpetual trophy to the Albury-Wodonga Soccer Association for the first time.

"We are in a business which to date has given us no time for recreation ourselves, but have set out

to encourage junior sport in the area in whatever way we can. Part of this encouragement is directed towards local Soccer," Barry said.

To back up the McDonald's Superskill programme, he sponsors Soccer, and has been involved in a weekly 2AY radio news service for Soccer.



CAROLYN AND BARRY ARNOLD

AUSTRALIA'S WOMEN INTERNATIONALS



6. JULIE DOLAN

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ONE of Australia's most valuable players would have to be the highly skilful and intelligent attacking midfielder, the attractive Julie Dolan, another Northern NSW product.

Julie is not only a most constructive player, but is ever-alert to have a hit at the target when the opposition least expects it.

Born in Sydney, Julie moved up to the NSW North Coast town of Ballina. But this year, after completing her course to become a sports scientist, she has again shifted, this time to Queensland, where she manages a sports, leisure and recreation centre at Graceville.

Always smiling, very friendly, and above all most popular with all her squad members, Julie is a deep thinker, and speaks very seriously when the topic of conversation calls for deep thought.

Whatever Julie Dolan attempts in life, she does it professionally.

For example, during the Oceania Cup tournament in Noumea, I watched her as she put herself through some warm-up exercises. It took her well over 20 minutes of slow, methodical stretches, making absolutely sure that every muscle of her body was fully stretched and warmed up before she gracefully took to the field.

Miss Dolan thinks about her game, and when she sees too many of her team-mates have pushed up into attack, one will notice Julie gradually drop back into cautious covering positions.

For the coming tour of China and the contesting of the second Oceania Cup this year in Fiji, Julie Dolan will be one of the first selected for the national squad.

PERSONAL BRIEF

BORN: January 5, 1961.

BIRTHPLACE: Sydney.

HEIGHT: 5'5.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: St George, Marconi Sutherland, Ballina.

PLAYING POSITION: Central midfielder.

OCCUPATION: Qualified sports scientist, currently manageress of a sports recreation centre in Queensland.

FAVOURITE MALE PLAYER: Australia's ex-World Cup member, Jimmy Rooney.

AMBITIONS: To be successful in the field of sports science.

PLAYED FOR AUSTRALIA: Represented Australia since 1975.

MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN YOUR SOCCER CAREER: I would have to say my parents and my national coach, Jimmy Selby.

FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: I'd say Spurs brilliant Glenn Hoddle and Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish.

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S SOCCER: We need a lot more publicity given our game, and far better administration is needed. Better coaching and facilities for the players is another area needing attention.

OBSVIOUS REMEDIES: More professionally minded and qualified people to become involved with women's Soccer administration.

DAWN IS A STAR OF THE FUTURE

ONE of the up-and-coming stars on the horizon in Northern NSW women's Soccer is a young lass, blonde and slight of build but a terror for tackling.

Dawn Patterson, born in 1969, is the daughter of Don Patterson, himself a well-known player on the Central Coast.

It was 11 years before Dawn settled down to play Soccer after only playing in the backyard with her brother.

Her first team was with the Woy Woy club.

Asked how she got interested in playing Soccer, Dawn said that a big influence was from a family friend, Austin "Skeeter" Butler.

Her first team position was centre-forward and she learned a lot in that first year when the team battled through the KO competition, only to be eliminated in the semi-finals.

Her defensive capabilities soon were noticed and gradually she dropped back through the field.

Her second club team

was with the Wyoming club.

Dawn was playing with that side when she was selected to represent the State in the Under 15 competition.

Dawn said that she has been lucky enough to be selected for the State for three years and in her first year, at the State titles, she was playing in the Under 17 competition when selected for the junior side.

In the next State championships, which were held at Tamworth, Dawn was able to play in the U15 age-group, where she was again selected to play for Northern as a left full-back.

Last year, whilst playing for the Gosford club, Dawn again tried out for the State side when the championships were played at Belmont. Again she was selected to play as a left-back.

Asked what has been her most memorable moment since starting playing a mere three years ago, Dawn said that it was after the conclusion of the finals of the U15 titles in Canberra last year.

A group of girls chosen from the U15 teams at the titles as the ones most likely to go on to better things in Soccer were named as a junior Australian "All-Stars" side, and Dawn was one of the three from Nth NSW to be named in the side.

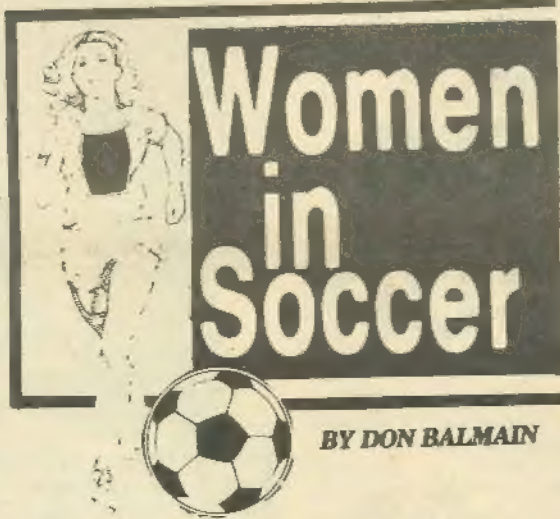
Dawn is in Year 10 at the Lisrow High School, which will suit her just fine as she intends returning to play with the Woy Woy club just down the road.

Dawn's ambitions are to one day play for Australia and to continue with Soccer.

Just before she darted away to play with her cricket team, she confided that her first ambition, on a short-term basis, was to be selected for the Nth NSW side which will be playing in Darwin shortly.



DAWN PATTERSON: fine prospect



BY DON BALMAIN

NORTHERN NSW TEAM PICKED

THE coach of the Northern NSW women's Soccer Federation, Lionel Sneyd, said that he was going for a mixture of raw talent plus some players who have already played in his senior side for the team that he will be taking to Darwin to play in the inaugural Under 17 competition.

Due to circumstances, financial and otherwise, Lionel said that the team would not be the strongest that he could put on the park.

The team, which contains two sisters from the Central Coast Association and two 13-year-old players, is:

Michelle Smith (Tamworth), Kathy Haines (Macquarie), Melinda Bailey (Macquarie), Amy Tredinnick (Macquarie captain), Joanne Green (Central Coast), Debbie Woodward (Central Coast), Annette Leary (Macquarie), Linda Hughes (Macquarie), Heather Gordon (Tamworth), Kym Drayton (Macquarie), Janita White (Tamworth), Sharon Perry (Far Nth Coast), Donna Schofield (Central Coast), Belinda Woodward (Central Coast), Alison McLean (Central Coast), Jenny Adams (Far Nth Coast).

The manageress for the team will be Barbara White of Tamworth.

The games will be played at the Darwin Showgrounds, about 10 minutes drive south of the city.

Mr Graham Rees, president of the Northern Territory Women's Association, said games would be played at night and that the Darwin Association would be entering two teams.

OCEANIA CUP IS SET TO SPREAD

AT THE second women's Oceania conference, held in New Caledonia, the possibility of taking in all countries with shores in the Pacific Ocean was mooted.

Although no written confirmation had been received from the Oceania Football Confederation yet, word of mouth has it that the women's Oceania Football Confederation has been accepted as an affiliate.

Fijian delegate, Clare Lee, explained that women's Soccer in the Fiji Islands was still very new but that they wished to hold the Cup there in 1984.

Delegates to the conference granted Fiji's request and the 1984 tournament will be held in the last week of October and the first week of November.

For participation of up to six teams, the competition would be conducted on a round-robin basis with finals for the top four teams.

If there were more than six teams participating, two pools would be formed.

Referees' qualifications were discussed, and the stipulation was that, to officiate in the tournament, the referee had to be approved by their respective national association.

Invitations will be sent to Japan and Hawaii to enter the 1984 contest, and the 1984 contest, and the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu would be allowed to compete with the view to eventual affiliation.

New Zealand, although not retaining many of the players met on previous international tours, still relied heavily on strong and hard physical play.

However, they also demonstrated their "will to win", which eventually won the day for them.

Fiji, who came with a team thrown together at the very last moment, and beset by many problems that a novice team attracts, was scarcely any opposition, but New Caledonia showed the benefit of outside competition through the New Caledonian Cup. Whilst willing, they still have a long way to go before becoming a serious threat.

The experiment of taking a referee with them to the Oceania Cup was successful.

Mrs Christine Turpin, formally Chris Martin who officiated with success in the Sydney and Brisbane Nationals, was a great hit, with compliments on her competence coming from all participants.

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CONNIE ADDS TO THE TEAM

CONNIE SELBY, wife of the Australian women's national team coach Jim, gave birth to her second son, David James.

Connie was a player of some note, having represented Nth NSW, Sth Qld and Australia before hanging up her boots to have her first son, James.

KEMPES CAN GO — FREE

MARIO KEMPES, a great name from Argentina's illustrious past, seems to be washed up.

At 30, Kempes is no longer a star in Spanish football with

Valencia.

In fact, Valencia will give the 1978 World Cup hero a

free transfer to the end of the season.

Kempes is still on a big

wage with the Spanish club so it makes sense for Valencia to give him a free.

FILTHY LUCRE!

WHEN Ujpest Dosza paid 400,000 Forint to Csepel for the transfer of Dekani, it was a significant deal.

In the past, Hungarian clubs have shunned transfer fees because they believed the transfer system was suitable only for decadent Western capitalist countries.

'LAZY' TAG FOR STAR SOCRATES

BRAZIL'S World Cup striker, Socrates, is the latest transfer target for the Italians.

Verona are willing to pay Corinthians \$7,000,000 to land him but Socrates is not jumping at the chance of a move.

Some of Socrates' teammates hardly rate him as a multi-million dollar player.

Juninho says: "He falls asleep during games and only wakes up when we shout at him."

"Socrates lifts only one arm when he scores because he's too lazy to lift both," added Juninho.

NO LUCK IN THE CUP

WACKER INNSBRUCK were on top of the world last season when they won the Austrian Cup.

Not now. Wacker's average match attendance is 3,500 and this doesn't produce enough cash to pay their players. So next season, Wacker Innsbruck go amateur.

SOCCER STARS MOVIE STARS

HOW would you like Maradona, Falcao, Rummenigge, Zico and Socrates all in one team?

An impossible dream? Not for Warner Brothers. They hope to make a film

ARABS AFTER STEIN

ULI STEIN, Hamburg's European Cup-winning goalkeeper, has been offered a huge fee to play in Saudi Arabia for two years.

The would-be buyers are Ittihad FC. Stein is keen to join them, make quick money and then return to the Bundesliga.

to promote the 1986 World Cup in Mexico.

All those big names, plus Mexico's star Hugo Sanchez, would appear in the movie — to be made in Mexico of course.

BRAZILIAN goalkeeper Leao has returned to his former club, Palmeiras after being transferred from Corinthians. Palmeiras sold Brazil's second best goalkeeper, Joao Marcos, to world champions Gremio.

DID you hear about the Russian Ministry for Sports Affairs giving some advice to six leading football clubs?

The "advice" to them all was . . . sack your coach!

BONHOF BOWS OUT OF THE GAME

RAINER BONHOF, one of West Germany's best players of the past two decades, has had to retire from football with an injury.

Bonhof, who turned out 56 times for West Germany, was the top player

for top team Borussia Moenchengladbach for a long time and was transfer-

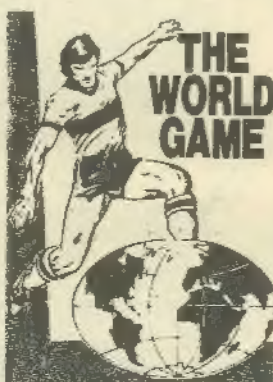
red to Hertha Berlin where he hoped to recover from his injuries.

It was not to be. Now Bonhof and another player forced to retire, Swedish World Cup goalkeeper Ronnie Hellstrom of Kaiserslautern, will share proceeds from a benefit match in Germany at the end of the season.

DODGE DRAFT

PASI RAUTIAINEN, a Finnish import, is desperately anxious for West German club Borussia Mönchengladbach to renew his contract in a hurry.

If he doesn't sign soon, Pasi will have to return to Finland to do his military service.



MARADONA COPS A BLAST

REAL MALLORCA coach Marcel

Domingo has verbally blasted the great Maradona.

After Mallorca held Barcelona to a 1-1 draw, Domingo commented: "Maradona has forgotten how to play football."

"All he did was try to gain free kicks and turn the crowd against my players. Real Mallorca are proping up the other teams in the Spanish first division.



Top coach and top player. West Germany's Jupp Derwall and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge during a busy training session for the national squad in the Frankfurt.

GERMANS GET LUCKY DRAW

KARL-HEINZ RUMMENIGGE, the skipper of the Federal Republic of Germany's national side and national team manager Jupp Derwall look with confidence to the finals of the European Championship in France in June.

Jupp Derwall in particular, seemed optimistic once the draw for the two groups had taken place.

The German cup-holders are up against Portugal, Romania and Spain whilst host nation France face Belgium, Denmark and Yugoslavia in the other group.

"On the other hand, it would be wrong for us to underestimate any of these opponents. They have revealed during the qualifying matches that they can beat practically any other team," warned Derwall — anxious to avoid excessive optimism.

Until the finals in France, however, the national team manager will have enough time to eradicate any weaknesses in the team.

Four national sides, including world champions, Italy, will face West Germany before then.

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HOLLAND		SWITZERLAND		WEST GERMANY	
Ex R'dam v Roda JC	1-2	B'zons v La C D'EF	0-2	Hanover 96 v Bo M'gladbach	0-1
Sp R'dam v Groningen	3-2	Xamax v Chiasso	2-0	FC Bocholt v Bay Munich	1-2
DS'79 v AZ'67	0-2	Sion v G'hoppers	3-3	Hertha Berlin v Schalke, Werder Bremen v Stuttgart postponed.	
SPAIN		GREECE		EAST GERMANY	
Feyenoord	W D L F A Pts	Xamax	W D L F A Pts	RW Erfurt v Dy Berlin	0-1
Ajax	17 4 2 65 24 38	G'hoppers	10 4 3 37 16 24	H Rostock v S Riesa	2-0
PSV	16 4 3 70 29 36	Sion	10 3 3 35 20 23	Wismut Aue v V'waerts	1-1
Roda JC	16 4 3 57 22 36	St Gallen	10 3 4 42 26 23	Lok Leipzig v Ch Leipzig	1-0
GA Eagles	11 7 5 40 32 29	Servette	9 4 3 32 26 22	Ch Halle v K-M Stadt	1-2
Cadiz v Sociedad	1-1		9 3 4 36 20 21	Dy Dresden v C-Z Jena	4-0
Zaragoza v Valencia	0-3	YUGOSLAVIA		Un Berlin Magdeburg	0-1
Salamanca v Malaga	1-0	Red Star v Vardar	2-0	FRANCE	
Barcelona v Betis	3-1	Z'nicar v Ljubljana	1-1	Nimes v LGWS	2-1
At Madrid v R Madrid	1-0	Vinkovci v Partizan	1-0	Bordeaux v Laval	0-0
Sevilla v Valladolid	2-1	Prislina v Rijeka	1-0	Nancy v Monaco	1-1
Osasuna v Sporting	1-0	Titograd v Di Zagreb	3-1	Auxerre v Toulon	1-1
Mallorca v Murcia	1-1	SI Tuzla v V'dina NS	0-0	Bastia v Paris SG	1-1
Bilbao v Espanol	1-1	Hajduk v Sarajevo	1-1	Rouen v Toulouse	3-1
		Rad Nis v Cel Zen	4-1	S'bourg-Nantes, and Sochaux-Saint Etienne, postponed	
		V Mostar v Osijek	1-0	Lille v Brest	2-1
		HUNGARY		Rennes v Metz	1-2
		Honved v MTK	8-0	N. IRELAND	
		Csepel v Volan	0-4	Carriok v P'down	1-3
		Uj Dozsa v Szabol AK	1-0	C'ville v Ballymena	0-3
		Diosgyor v F'varos	1-3	C'raire v Larne	4-0
		N'gyhaza v Vasas	0-1	D'lery v Ards	2-1
		Pecs v Haladas	1-0	Glenavon v Newry	0-1
		Videoton v Z'gerszeg	1-0	G'toran v L'field	4-3
		T'banya v Ras Eto	1-1	Bangor v C'ders	1-0
		BULGARIA			
		Hajduk	W D L F A Pts	Cika	11 4 1 44 13 26
		Z'nicar	7 10 3 27 20 24	Lev Spartak	11 3 2 36 14 25
		Red Star	9 5 6 26 15 23	Silven	6 6 4 25 20 18
		Partizan	7 8 5 19 16 22		
		Rijeka	9 4 7 25 25 22		

IT'S A HARD LIFE WITH LIVERPOOL!

CRAIG JOHNSTON knows just how tough it can be making the grade with a club like Liverpool.



CRAIG JOHNSTON

He played many matches in the reserve team, despite being a \$1,300,000 transfer buy.

In fact, it is part of the Liverpool style to make their players fight for first team status via the reserves.

"We cut the stars down to size," said one Liverpool official.

Playing in front of a handful of spectators —

who are often let in free — are big buys like Bob Bolder (\$145,000), Gary Gillespie (\$580,000) and Dave Hodgson (\$750,000).

Even Ian Rush had to serve his time before winning a first team spot.

Former captain of England, Phil Thompson, has also been playing in the reserve team and his wages are \$1,600 a week!

Chris Lawler, former

Liverpool great, looks after the reserve side and proudly claims: "A Liverpool reserve is good enough for a first team place in most other clubs."

The late Bill Shankly used to boast: "There are two great teams on Merseyside — Liverpool and Liverpool reserves."

That comment was not appreciated at Everton.

SOUNESS KNOCKS THE ACADEMY

GRAEME SOUNESS, Liverpool and Scotland captain, is far from impressed with the news that England will set up a new football coaching school at Lilleshall where the cream of young talent will be accommodated.

Souness indicated that the boys will only learn how to kick 60 metre balls into the opposition penalty area.

Bobby Robson, the England boss, hit back with: "Before making such irresponsible and damaging statements, he might have had the courtesy to phone me to establish the facts. Souness doesn't know what he is talking about."

"Nobody appreciates individual skill more than I do. There are many ways of playing football and tactics

change all the time. "Everyone in the game, including Graeme Souness,

should be constructively helpful — not totally destructive."

A CASE FOR COURT?

JIMMY CASE and the Liverpool club are being sued by former Everton player, **Geoff McNulty**, over a tackle which finished McNulty's career four years ago.

The tackle happened when Everton played Liverpool in 1980. It smashed McNulty's knee and he retired from the game.

Graham Kelly, secretary of the Football League, said: "It's regrettable that people involved in sport should take legal action."

But it happened last year when former skipper of Dunfermline Jim Brown accepted a settlement out of court when he sued John Pelosi of St Johnstone for \$46,000 after his career was ended by injury from a tackle.

UNITED FANS UPSET

ALTHOUGH the takeover bid for Manchester United failed, most United fans are still upset to think their favourite club was nearly sold.

Chairman Martin Edwards did have talks with publisher Robert Maxwell

and, although Edwards says he is glad the bid failed, it seems that was only because the price wasn't right.

Maxwell offered \$17,000,000 but Edwards set a figure of \$26,000,000.

NO CASH TO BUY PLAYERS

JACK DUNNETT is chairman of Notts County and is also chairman of the Football League.

He is bedevilled by problems in both organisations, the biggest worry being survival for Notts as a First Division club.

When Notts received a transfer fee of \$130,000 from Sheffield Wednesday for Nigel Worthington, fans wanted the cash to be spent on strengthening a team heading for relegation.

Dunnett, however, would not spend. "The transfer money will keep the club going until the end of the season," said Dunnett.



UK tables

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	30	17	9	4	48	21	60
Manchester Utd	30	16	10	4	57	31	58
Nottingham F	30	16	5	9	54	34	53
West Ham	30	16	5	9	49	31	53
Southampton	29	15	7	7	37	25	52
QPR	29	14	5	10	45	26	47
Tottenham	30	12	8	10	47	45	44
Norwich	30	11	9	10	35	34	42
Watford	30	12	5	13	57	58	41
Luton	29	12	5	12	42	43	41
Aston Villa	29	11	8	10	43	45	41
Arsenal	30	11	6	13	46	42	39
Coventry	29	10	9	10	38	38	39
Birmingham	30	11	6	13	31	34	39
Everton	28	9	10	9	26	32	37
Leicester	29	9	8	12	48	50	35
Sunderland	29	8	10	11	30	41	34
West Bromwich	30	9	6	15	33	49	33
Ipswich	29	9	5	15	36	43	32
Stoke	30	7	8	15	27	50	29
Notts County	29	5	7	17	37	59	22
Wolverhampton	29	5	7	17	23	58	22

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	31	17	10	4	63	32	61
Sheffield Wed	29	18	7	4	56	26	61
Newcastle	29	17	4	8	58	41	56
Man City	30	16	7	7	48	31	55
Grimsb'y	30	15	10	5	45	32	55
Carlisle	30	14	11	5	35	19	53
Blackburn	28	12	12	4	36	31	48
Charlton	29	13	7	9	38	38	46
Brighton	30	11	7	12	47	43	40
Huddersfield	29	10	10	9	38	37	40
Leeds	29	11	7	11	39	39	40
Portsmouth	30	11	5	14	52	45	38
Middlesbro	30	9	9	12	31	32	36
Shrewsbury	29	9	9	11	31	38	36
Cardiff	29	11	2	16	36	46	35
Fulham	30	8	10	12	40	40	34
Barnsley	29	9	6	14	40	41	33
Oldham	30	9	6	15	30	50	33
Crystal Palace	29	8	8	13	29	36	32
Derby	30	7	7	16	27	53	28
Swansea	30	4	6	20	24	57	18
Cambridge	30	2	8	20	21	57	14

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford	30	18	6	6	62	39	60
Wimbledon	32	18	6	8	74	59	59
Sheffield United	32	16	9	7	63	39	57
Walsall	32	17	8	7	51	43	57
Bristol Rovers	32	16	7	9	50	38	55
Hull	29	14	10	5	43	24	52
Bolton	32	14	9	9	43	34	51
Burnley	30	13	11	7	61	33	49
Gillingham	28	14	8	6	51	41	48
Orient	32	14	6	12	47	51	48
Bradford	30	13	8	9	56	46	47
Millwall	32	12	10	10	51	52	46
Lincoln	33	13	6	14	44	49	45

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newport	30	12	9	9	43	52	45
Wigan	29	10	7	12	31	39	37
Preston	31	9	8	14	45	44	35
Plymouth	29	9	7	13	38	38	34
Bournemouth	30	8	5	17	39	55	29
Brentford	31	6	10	15	45	60	28
Southend	31	6	10	15	37	54	28
Rotherham	28	7	5	16	29	42	26
Port Vale	31	7	5	19	32	59	26
Scunthorpe	29	4	12	13	34	56	24
Exeter	31	5	8	18	37	60	23

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester United	30	12	9	9	43	52	45
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Coventry 0	30	12	9	9	43	52	45
Birmingham 1	30	12	9	9	43	52	45
Everton 1	30	12	9	9	43	52	45
Ipswich 0	30	12	9	9	43	52	45
West Ham 3	30	12	9	9	43	52	45
Leicester 4	30	12	9	9	43	52	45
Watford 1	30	12	9	9	43	52	45
Luton 0	30	12	9	9	43	52	45
Queens Park Rangers	30	12	9	9	43	52	45
West Bromwich 1	30	12	9	9	43	52	45
Southampton 2	30	12	9	9	43	52	45
Norwich 1	30	12	9	9	43	52	45
Sunderland 2	30	12	9	9	43	52	45
Arsenal 2	30	12	9	9	43	52	45
Tottenham 1	30	12	9	9	43	52	45
Stoke 0	30	12	9	9	43	52	45
Wolverhampton 1	30	12	9	9	43	52	45
Nottingham Forest	30	12	9	9	43	52	45

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	24	19	3	2	61	12	41
Celtic	29	15	5	5	58	29	35
Dundee Utd	22	13	5	4	43	21	31
Rangers	25	11	6	8	38	31	28
Hearts	24	8	8	13	36	24	24
St Mirren	25	6	11	8	35	37	23
Hibernian	26	9	4	13	32	40	22
Dundee	24	7	2	15	31	50	16
St Johnstone	26	7	1	18	24	63	15
Motherwell	55	2	7	16	19	50	11

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Morton	29	14	10	5	57	37	38
Dumbarton	29	13	8	6	50	35	38
Partick	28	16	4	8	51	36	36
Clydebank	28	12	8	8	44	35	32
Brechin	27	11	10	6	40	34	32
Kilmarnock	29	13	4	12	45	39	30
Falkirk	29	12	4	13	37	45	28
Clyde	29	9	9	11	39	35	27
Ayr	28	8	10	10	43	44	26
Maedowbank	29	10	6	13	38	50	26
Hamilton	28	6	12	10	30	35	24
Airdrieonians	29	9	6	14	29	42	24
Raith	29	5	10	14	31	48	20
Alloa	29	6	7	16	33	50	19



McQUEEN IS SO VITAL

MANCHESTER UNITED went through a bad patch recently, dropping six possible

points in the league and being eliminated from the F.A. Cup. Many United supporters

believe the absence of Gordon McQueen with injury was the reason for the slump.

McQueen, Scottish international defender, has been suffering from back and hamstring problems.

CLEMENCE HITS ROBSON

RAY CLEMENCE, having announced he would not play again for England, now seems to be tipping the bucket on England team manager Bobby Robson.



RAY CLEMENCE

Writing in the "Sunday People," Clemence says: "Bobby Robson is the fifth England manager I've played under. I can't honestly say he's the best."

"The other four had qualities I could admire. The cool demand of Alf Ramsey; the humours of Joe Mercer; dogged determination of Don Revie and the honesty of Ron Greenwood."

"But since Robson took

over, 18 months ago, I've seen little else from him but indecision and worry. We never know quite where we are with him."

"I sympathise with his problems but at times he seems incapable of making a firm decision."

Strangely enough, there was virtually no criticism of Bobby Robson when he took on the England job — and just about everyone felt he was the best candidate.